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Threat to Euro-laws since 1957

EC challenges court's Delors signature ruling

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

the documents are issued in

six languages but occa-sionally versions in nine

lish whether the Luxembourg

court ruling was merely a legal anomaly or whether it

could force the overstretched

legal department to the brink

of collapse. However, one

commercial lawyer said yes-terday: "I think it's safe to say

jobs are on the line. There's a

feeling that there are people

down after a group of 14 poly-

vinyl chloride companies ap-pealed against a £17.5 mil-lion fine imposed by the Commission in March 1989.

Although the court did not

quibble with the Commis-

sion's finding that the com-

panies, which included Shell and ICI, had been operating

a cartel, it found that the

Commission had breached its

own rules and the fine was

quashed. Some documents

had been altered in transla-

tion and the action against

the cartel had not been prop-

It is the last point which has

caused the greatest alarm in

Brussels, since few of the

8,000 judgments reached by

the Commission each year

are "properly authorised" ac-

cording to its own rules. Com-

petition rulings are decided by 17 commissioners who

meet once a week. Draft judg-ments, produced in English, French and German, are at-

tached to the minutes of each

meeting and these are then

signed by M Delots and

David Williamson, the Com-

However, the Spanish, Ital-

ian and Dutch translations of

the judgments are usually signed by only one commis-

mission's secretary-general.

erly authorised.

The ruling was handed

running for cover."

languages are necessary.

THE European Commission will lodge a desperate Justice ruling that could invalidate almost all legislation emanating from Brussels since the Community was founded in

The dispute, which threw the legal department into turmoil yesterday, has arisen over the procedure for sign-

ing Commission judgments.
The European court ruled that the Commission had broken its own rules by allowing a single commissioner to sign judgments when they should have been authorised by Jacques Delors, the Commission president, and the secretary-general.
The Commission has been

given two months to appeal against the ruling, which M "too rigid an interpretation". Commission sources said the EC would move fast to limit the damage caused by the

Confusion reigned in the corridors of the Commis-sion's Breydel building yester-day as officials tried to estab-

Ulster talks

to resume

Leaders of the four main constitutional parties in Northern agreed that formal talks on the province's future should begin as soon as possible. Their statement, suggested for the first time that they were in favour of the talks resuming before the general election.
Bridges rebuilt, page 4

Centre points The Liberal Democrats are wooing Conservative voters to achieve 20 per cent support for the first time. according to a Gallup poll for The Daily Telegraph. Labour had a half-point

lead over the Tories with

37.5 per cent Page 2

Iraq reponds Iraq sent a letter to the UN just before a security coun-cil deadline for the destruction of Scud factories

Care order

The army major's wife who ran over and killed his lover was sent to a psychiatric hospital after admitting manslaughter. She will be under supervision for a

Mother free

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A woman jailed for drowing her six-week-old son was freed after the murder conviction was Page 3

Sale scandal

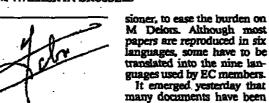
Senior Communist party, defence and government officials have been implicated in an illicit billion rouble scheme to privatise a Moscow airfield.. Page 7

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Births, marriages,

Food and Drink.





signed by Jean Dondelinger, If Jacques Delors, whose signature is reproduced the little-known Luxembourg culture commissioner. "He's often the only one around the building." one official explained. above, put his name to 8,000 documents each year in all nine languages, he would take 70 hours with Although the court's ruling his black Mont Blanc pen to could invalidate most Com-mission judgments, it is the plete the task. Normally

decisions made by the fourth of the organisation's 23 directorate-generals (DG4) which are particularly vulnerable. DG4 deals with competition policy and the ruling may clear the way for companies to reclaim millions of pounds in fines, imposed by Brussels as part of its purge on cartels in the past few years.
The chemical carrel ruling

is particularly embarrassing for Sir Leon Brittan; as competition commissioner he is in charge of DG4, although he did not hold the post when the Commission imposed the fine in 1989. It has been a bad year for DG4. It is the fourth time since Christmas that the court has found that the Commission either exceeded its powers or misinterpreted them and appeals against EC edicts from British Aerospace, the Dutch postal service and La Cinq, the Prench private relevision channel, have all been

Legal experts at the Breydel building — which the Commission moved to this year after it was evacuated from the asbestos-riddled Berlaymont building - said yesterday that it was unlikely that the practice of nettoyage de texte could be changed. This is the system by which multi-lingual legal experts translate Commission judgments and one commissioner signs the

translations As a result, Article 12 of the Commission's own rules, which stipulates that the president and the secretary-general must sign all translations, may have to be changed. The court has to decide if that is just a grammatical change or whether it is sub-stantial," one Commission source said.

Nadir fraud trial to be kept short and simple

BY RICHARD DUCE AND COLIN NARBROUGH

A HIGH Court judge yesterday responded to the controversy over the length of complex fraud cases by insisting that the trial of Asil Nadir should be short and str-

aightforward. Mr Justice Tucker said that the trial of Mr Nadir, the former head of the collapsed Polly Peck business empire. should be centred on no more than ten charges. At a pretrial hearing of Mr Nadir's case at the Central Criminal Court the judge told the prosecution: "Six charges will do, I might contemplate ten. If you can't get convictions on

ten charges you won't be able

to get convictions on 20. I don't want the indictment cluttered up with charges." His comments come two

weeks after the collapse of the second Guinness trial when Mr Justice Henry said a radical reform was needed in the presentation of complicated City frand trials. Mr Justice Tucker's intervention will be seen as an attempt by the judiciary to tackle the problem from within the legal

Earlier this week, government sources indicated that it was possible a new and simplified fraud charge, simil-



Pause for thought: Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, shoeless, garlanded and head covered, visiting a Sikh temple in Edinburgh yesterday. He is in Scotland to take part in the debate on its constitutional future

IRA rush-hour bomb injures 30 at station

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A TIME bomb exploded yes-terday in a lavatory on a platform at London Bridge station at the height of the morning rush hour, injuring 30 people, closing every main line station in the capital and halting the Underground sys-

Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of Scot-land Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said he was satisfied the attack was "a typical, irresponsible, criminal and callous act carried out by the IRA". An inadequate warning was given, and the bomb. sisting of two pounds of high explosive, "was designed

Many of the injured were struck by flying glass or de-bris. Some of the victims walked the quarter mile from the station, in Southwark on the south bank of the Thames, to Guy's hospital and admitted themselves Those who had suffered shock concussion and abrasions, were taken to Guy's by ambulances. Of the 28 people treated, four suffered what were described as moderately

serious wounds. John Major and other senior politicians condemned the attack, and Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said he hoped the bomb was not intended to coincide with the pre-general election period. "An election campaign is all about persuading people about ideas, principles and policies — it is not using bombs and bullets in order to Continued on page 16, col 3 try to win the political argu-

ment," he said. With central London traffic in disarray and many commuters trying to reach their offices on foot the economic cost of the exwarning at 8.20am. The plosion was put at millions of pounds. About 400 Under-ground trains were halted

as the system was emptied of tens of thousands of passengers in 19 minutes. The bomb was planted in

the men's toilet between platforms three and four yesterday morning. According to police, a man with an Irish accent rang the London office of Ulster Television at 8.15am giving a recognised codeword and saying there were bombs at main line sta-

and sent back to their depots

tions. No details of any time of detonation or individual station were given. Police were told of the

bomb exploded at 8.29am as one train was pulling alongside one of the platforms and another had arrived a few minutes earlier. Police and transport officials put into operation emergency proce-dures which have been used three times across the London transport system in the past

The explosion blew shattered glass 40 feet across the tracks and wrenched a metalframed door off its hinges.

Conductor's heroism, page 2

Bellamy joins last plea to save Twyford Down

BY MICHAEL DYNES AND MICHAEL MCCARTHY

ELEVEN of the most senior figures in conservation make a final appeal today for the last section of the M3 to be built in a tunnel under Twyford Down, Hampshire, to save one of the most protected

landscapes in England.
In a letter to The Times, a copy of which has been delivered to John Major, the Il signatories, including David Bellamy, of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, ask the government not to preside over "destruction of an area of quite extraordinary conser-

vation and archaeological

The letter will be accompanied today by a large-scale protest by Friends of the Earth and the Twyford Down Association to mark the expiry at midnight tonight of the legal restriction on entry by the contractors to one of the two sites of special scientific interest. From tomorrow, with the required four months' notice having been Continued on page 16, col 6

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Caesar's dating puzzle leaps the years

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

1F Gioacchino Rossini were still alive he might be forgiven for describing as premature celebrations to mark his 200th birthday. Indeed the Italian composer could quite legitimately claim to be 48 years old, despite being born in

Along with about 60,000 Britons, Rossini was a leap year baby, born on February 29 and, unlike people celebrating birthdays annually. he appeared to cheat time. That select company has become associated with some curious behaviour which strikes a chill in the hearts of confirmed bachelors and misogynists. For tradition dictates that on this day women can make marriage

proposals to men.

The credit for the leap year statistical curiosity, which turns up roughly every four years, rests at the door of Julius

Caesar. While most of his countrymen seemed content to build roads, take baths and suppress the odd uprising. Caesar tried to come to terms with the news that the Earth does not go round the Sun in a neat 365 or 366-day cycle but instead takes 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 45.9747 seconds. Without swift action, by AD150 Christmas would be falling in autumn and Easter

in the winter time. The leap year solution, proposed in 46BC by Sosigenes, an Egyptian astronomer, was to make every fourth year 366 days and lose a day from intervening years. The system was revised by Emperor Augustus and Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 to create the modern

The concept of the leap century was also introduced so that only centuries that could be divided by 400 were leap years. Consequently 1800 and 1900 were not leap years, which explains why

Rossini is 48 rather than 50. Where the tradition of allowing women to propose originates is less clear. The celebrated tradition is said to date back to St Patrick who, after a riot at a numery run by St Bridget, also known as St Bride, agreed to allow the girls to pop the question in leap years.

The plight of single men north of the border must be a matter of particular concern. A Scottish woman's right to propose in a leap year even has the full packing of the law ever since Queen Margaret passed the 1288 Act entitling a woman to "be-speak the man she likes".

☐ Today Suzanne Dlucik, aged 36, and her daughter Lisa, aged nine, of Wroughton, Wiltshire, celebrate their ninth and second official birthdays respectively. Both were born on Leap



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SAS men froze to death in Iraqi desert

By Michael Evans Defence correspondent

DETAILS of the courageous last few hours of four SAS men who died behind Iraqi lines in the Gulf war were disclosed at inquests in Oxford yesterday. One SAS man described how he had carried the body of a comrade for more than 24 hours to prevent it falling into the hands of the Iragis.

Two of the men froze to death in appalling weather conditions. The other two were shot in firefights with Iraqi moops.

The first official details of the events that led to the deaths of the soldiers emerged at the inquest hearings which were held amid tight security. All the SAS witnesses spoke from behind a screen and none of their names was divulged. One key witness was unable to attend because he is still recovering from injuries sustained in the

The two who died from hypothermia were Lance Corporal Stephen Lane, aged 27. and Sergeant Vincent Phillips, aged 36. Both were mar-ried. Their companions, who died from gunshot wounds were Corporal David Denbury, aged 26, and Private Robert Consiglio, aged 24. Neither was married.

Corporal Denbury's body was the only one brought back by the SAS. The other three were returned by the Iraqis under the auspices of the International Red Cross after the war.

During the inquest on Corporal Denbury, born in Newport. Gwent, the SAS witness said he carried the dead man's body back to the patrol base. Corporal Denbury met his death during an exchange with the enemy on Februar 21. The witness said: "He called my name. I saw that he had been hit."

Air Commodore Anthony Balfour, a pathologist, told the inquest that Corporal Denbury had died from a single bullet in the chest. "I would have expected the wound to have been fatal within a matter of minutes." he said. Corporal Denbury was awarded a posthumous Military Medal.

Lance Corporal Lane had been in a two-man team on a Continued on page 16. col 8

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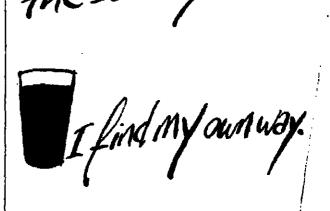
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Most use Feb 29th to harmonize the calendar with the solar year.





Bomb victims describe terror of blast that once again brought massive disruption to London

Bravery of railwayman praised after blast

of gas. A train had just gone out. We started clearing

people off the platform. A

couple of girls in their twen-

ties seemed in a pretty bad way. There was a bloke who

looked badly injured. He was covered in blood."

Glen McClelland, aged

27, was discharged from Guy's Hospital after treat-

ment for cuts and shock. He

had been sitting on a bench

close to the lavatories where

the bomb was planted. Mr

McClelland, a computer en-

gineer from East Finchley,

said: "There was a massive

explosion. Shards of glass

and other debris showered

over the top of the train

between me and platform

four Instinctively, I turned away from the blast but

something cut me behind

Katie Breton, both aged 13 and pupils at the Italia Con-

ti Stage School, in central London, had arranged to

meet on platform four on

their way to school. Each

been injured. They only dis-

covered they were both safe

when they arrived at school.

Alexandra Hussey and

A TRAIN conductor was praised for his bravery at London Bridge station yesterday after he went to the aid of a man who was in the lavatory where the bomb had been planted when it

Simon Gibb, the conduc-tor, said: "I had just got off my train from Littlehampton on platform 12 when I heard a dull thud. I rushed over to platforms three and four. I went into the gents toilets which is on the same level as platform three and four and found this man staggering around. He had cuts all over his face and his lips were three times the normal size. I escorted him out of the toilet and sat him down on the platform where I gave him what first aid I could. I told him that he wouldn't win any beauty contests for a while which made him

There was another man lying on the platform out-side the toilet who was severely injured. There was blood coming from his head and I could see cuts to his face. The toilets were com-

pletely blow apart."
Sir Bob Reid, British
Rail's chairman, described Mr Gibb as a hero for risking his life in helping the man from the lavatory.

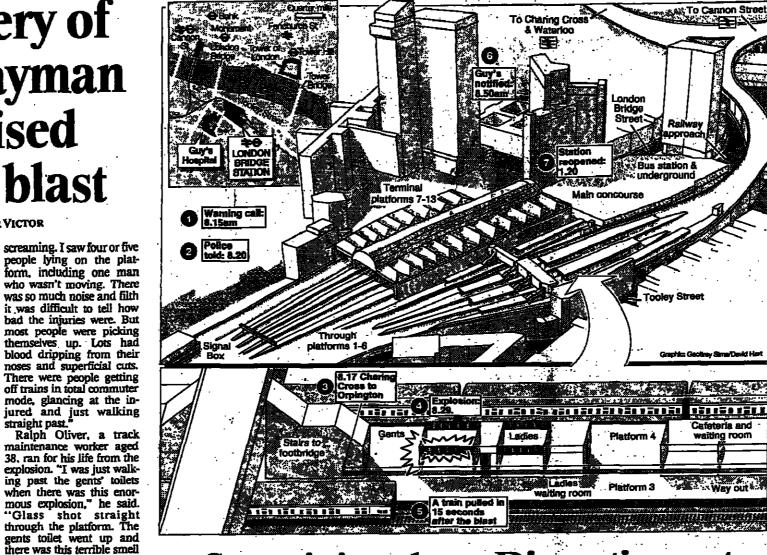
The 8.17am train from Charing Cross to Orpington was waiting at platform four when the bomb, planted in one of two lavatory cubicles between platforms three and four, went off. Windows in the lavatory and train shattered shower-

ing passengers with glass.
Hubert Cranmer, aged
79, was walking to the lavatories when he was blown off his feet by the blast. He landed six inches from the edge of the platform. "I was knocked through the air like the man on the flying trapeze," he said. "I'm not a was lucky. I'm not sure about everything that happened. They say I blacked

out for about two minutes." Mr Cranmer, of Bexley, Kent, said: "When I came to I could see the train windows had been blown in. People were wandering about. There was no panic, everyone seemed very calm, but I couldn't hear properly. I saw a few people with blood running down their faces but I didn't know where I was." He was treat-

ed for shock
Andy Anderson, production editor with the Weekend Financial Times, said that the bomb went off after many people from the Orpington train had left the platform. "A train pulled in 15 seconds after the blast if it had been a bit earlier then the casualties would have been a lot worse."

He had just walked past the lavatories when the bomb went off. "It was quite calm apart from a few young girls who were



Some injured walked to Guy's

BLEEDING, bruised, and deafened by the blast, several of the victims of yesterday's bomb attack walked the quarter mile from London Bridge station to Guy's hospital and admitted themselves to the accident and emergency unit.

Less mobile commuters, who had suffered shock, concussion and abrasions, were ferried to Guy's by a shuttle service of ambulances, alerted shortly after 8.45am. Of the 28 people treated, four suffered what were described as moderately serious wounds.

Psychiatric staff were called in to counsel the wounded. "The team will begin to talk them through the trauma. The victims are still in shock but they will all have a reaction, particularly when they begin to read about what most victims

happened to them, " said a hospital spokesman. Major-General Norman

Kirby, director of accident and emergency services at Guy's, was surprised and relieved at the low casualty toll. "Normally, with this sort of blast one would expect gross injuries: limbs to be torn off and mutilated. They are so lucky to have survived what could have been a really disastrous ex-

plosion," he said. "One man suffered wounds to his eyes and face, but his sight is not in jeopardy. Another has face and jaw wounds and will require dental surgery. The third has face injuries and the fourth man suffered back and chest injuries. We expect they will be with us for about a week."

Hospital staff discha

Disruption puts capital on its feet

LONDONERS and commuters to the capital yesterday refused to let disruption from the London Bridge bomb stop them going about their business.

Some journeys that normally take an hour turned into endurance tests four: times as long. A lounge suit army tramped the pave-ments towards the city centre as buses, groaning under the weight of passengers, passed by.

With 15 British Rail stations and the entire Underground system closed on police advice, thousands of commuters were stranded far from their destinations.

BR said that the situation could have been worse as most of the 500,000 who commute into the capital on up to 1,000 trains between 7am and 9:30am had am ved by the time the decision

was taken, at 9:10am, to

close stations. The brunt of the disruption was borne by travellers on later trains that were stopped at stations outside the main termini and by the 300,000 passengers who could not come in on the

Underground. A few gave up, but many walked for more than five miles to their offices or shared cabs. Others formed long queues for buses or hitched lifts from motorists. Thousands more waited for up to two hours until suburban Underground stat-

ions resumed operations.
The Association of London Authorities estimated that the disruption will cost businesses in the capital more than £8 million in lost

The Automobile Association said that because most people had not been aware of the bomb before leaving home, it had not been responsible for a huge iam that had traffic at a standstill during the morning in the Aldwych and Holborn areas. That had been caused by a traffic light fault.

More disruption arose on the Victoria Embankment, where army bomb disposal experts exploded an unan-ended briefcase.

One secretary, Catherine Stott, walked from Marble Arch to London Bridge to get to work. "My feet are killing me and I will need the whole weekend to recov-er," she said. "Central London was mayhem. I must have seen a thousand cabs and not one of them was

By mid-afternoon, all mainline stations, except Charing Cross and the south side of London Bridge, which had restricted services, were running normally.

Bombers may try to hit election

Senior political figures on the campaign trail could become targets for the IRA, writes

Stewart Tendler Cotland Yard's anti-ter-Drurist experts now have little doubt that the IRA will try to capitalise on the general election. The ques-tion is whether they will continue the tempo of their current campaign with spasmodic attacks like yesterday's, increase the strikes or search for

one devastating blow. Special Branch officers, responsible for the protection of political VIPs, have been debating how the IRA might take advantage of the election. Few officers doubt that the Home Secretary's hope yesterday that the IRA keeps vio-

ience out of the hustings will prove to be wishful thinking.

The drive for informacertain to intensify in the next few weeks, as the future responsibility for assessing terrorist threats is being reviewed within the Home Office. A decion is expected soon on sion is expected soon on whether MI5 should take

over the police intelligence role on the mainland.

The 1992 general elec-tion will be the first since 1974 with a full scale and long-running IRA main-land campaign in opera-tion. By the time of the 1979 general election the IRA was already turning towards spectacular at-tacks rather than constant campaigns.

Now they have turned back to a mixture of strategies rarely allowing a few weeks to pass without an attack from an active service unit thought to be securely established some-where in the London suburbs.

Special Branch will commit many of the 100 or so officers responsible for protection to the main fig-ures in the election supported by other officers in London and the provinces. that VIP targets will be well protected, the IRA could probe for weakness-

es in unexpected places. The London Bridge bomb demonstrates the ease with which the active service unit can cause severe difficulties at the minimum of risk or expo-sure. The attack was the fourth attempt to snarl up the London commutter system with a tactic which began almost a year ago. Last February bombs at Paddington and Victoria stations killed one man. In December mainline sta-tions and the London Underground were shut down by attacks.

Although police and transport authorities have become well versed in handling the emergencies the IRA have varied their tactic by moving from the be-ginning of the week to a Friday. Their use of a blanket warning leaves the au-thorities with little choice but to close down the system wholesale.

Poll shows surge in Lib Dem support

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Liberal Democrats have taken support from the Conservatives and Labour to break through the 20 per cent barrier for the first time, according to the latest opinion polls

(Sheila Gunn writes).
The Gallup poll in The Daily Telegraph today shows the two main political parties virtually level, with a surge in support for the Liberal Democrats. The poll puts Labour at 37.5 per cent: Conservative 37 per cent and Liberal Dem-

ocrats 20 per cent.
It confirms the pattern of other polls this month that indicate a hung parliament, with no party winning a clear majority in the general elec-tion. Until Paddy Ashdown's admission of an affair with his secretary, the Liberal Democrats had been scoring

around 15 per cent. The party's surge in support has also stopped either the Conservatives or Labour recording support consistently around 40 per cent.

Other national opinion polls published this month also showed Labour and Conservatives almost neck and neck. Labour's support has wavered between 37 and 42 per cent and the Conservatives between 38 and 40 per cent. The Liberal Democrats had swung between 15 and 19 per cent and the other parties scored four or five

The latest Gallup poll was taken between Februry 19 and 25, involving 1.850 adults in more than 150

Spens ruling is delayed

A decision on whether Lord Spens should be formally acquitted of charges of fraud and false accounting arising out of the Guinness takeover of Distillers has been de-ferred. Mr Justice Henry had been due to rule yesterday on Lord Spens's application for an acquittal. A decision is expected next week. The Serious Fraud Office

decided not to proceed against the former merchant oanker after his trial was halted when psychiatrists advised Mr Justice Henry that his codefendant Roger Seelig could no longer defend himself.

Fire kills three

Three young children died after fire swept through their home in Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, yesterday. They were a boy and girl aged three and a boy aged 18 months. The fire was believed to have started when foam-filled furniture caught light in the living room. Neighbours were woken shortly after 3am when the children's babysitter, thought to be an aunt, discovered the fire. Fire-men in breathing gear carried the children out of the house but were not able to resuscitate them.

Moving bridge

Three men will today coax a 260ft. 2,000-ton bridge along a two-mile stretch of the M4, on the English approach
to the Severn Bridge. The
section was closed last night
for the 18-hour
operation. The bridge will be lowered onto three driverless trailers which will be guided by remote control one-and-a-half miles along the motorway to a layby at Aust, Avon. There it will be demolished.

Travel firms eye oldies' gold

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

THE dawning realisation - the latest politically acceptable way of describing people of more mature years - are not only inceasing in number but have more than their share of spare cash has finally hit the travel industry. After years of assiduously wooing the 25 to 34-year-old group through brochures and advertisements showing only lithe young things, the

leisure industry is switching

tactics in an attempt to at-

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tract the oldies — and their money.

British Airways Holidays surprised itself with the dis-

covery that virtually half the number of long haul travellers were aged over 45, while the number of people under 34 was dropping year by year. The over-45s made up 46 per cent of travellers on the airline's Worldwide holiday programme last year, compared with only 37 per cent in 1990. Early retirement, higher discretionary income and greater propen-sity to travel, they said, heralded the "coming of the grey traveller".

The British Tourist Authority has also espoused the cause of older people after studying a research paper produced in the United States. Between now and 2000, it learned, the population would grow by seven per cent and the ranks of the middle aged (from 35 to 54 years) would go up by 28 per

cent and reach 81 million. The youth market is shrinking rapidly, with seven million fewer in the 25 to 34year-old group. The spending power of these youngsters will drop by \$38 billion.

BTA chairman William

Davis has spread the word to 10,000 senior figures in the leisure industry through the trade magazine "Tourism

Explosion aftermath: Sir Bob Reid, Alexandra Hussey and Commander George Churchill-Coleman

Enterprise".
"What we eat: what we wear; where, how and when we travel; what we buy and why we buy it; and what we do with our leisure time — all this is liable to change, Older people, he said, develop interests in history, archaeology, the arts and other subjects. They are health conscious and want fitness centres as well as medical services "which don't break the bank".

Places like Florida are very good at selling the idea that retirement should both be fun and exciting. They offer the enticing prospect of a new life in a "carefree adult condominium community". But he warned against

patronising future customers. "We must beware using terms like old and elderly in promotional activities. Re-search shows that 80 per cent of people over 40 feel 15 years younger than their ac-tual age. They like to be por-trayed as attractive and vital," he said.

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National unity a priority, MPs say

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

resist the drive to anarchy on THE next Conservative govthe one hand and the predaemment should make a priority of restoring social cohesion, according to a pamphlet published yestertions of selfish libertarianism on the other". On the economic front, it day by the One Nation group appears to back the creation of MPs. of an independent Bank of

The document from the largely centre-left backbench group, which claims 24 supporters on the government front bench, warns that future problems in society are likely to come not from organised labour but from "the misery of the disconnect-

the guiding principle for the next decade must be "to cre-

are a sense of national unity

'ed in our society". David Howell, a former cabinet minister, says in a foreword to One Nation 2000, which lists 33 MPs on its cover, that "the overriding concern of national leadership in the years towards 2000 must be to bind our society together". The pamphlet expresses concern about ever-rising crime, mindless vandalism, weak neighbour-hood loyalty and says that

England by suggesting that monetary management should be distanced from politics. "A more independent central monetary authority in Britain may well be inevitable ..." Warning that the scope for extra spending is limited, it suggests that if a modern

transport infrastructure is to be established, "resources will have to be both raised privately and hypothecated by charges and pollution levies". allowing people to exchange delays for higher quality transport, but at a price.

Saying that the millions of new shareholders do not feel involved in a new society, the MPs call for the capital owning democracy to be given more substance by prometing all forms of personal savings.



Police chief accuses BBC Rough Justice programme of misrepresenting facts

Mother jailed for drowning baby son is set free

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

for drowning her baby son her conviction for murder was ruled unsafe and unsatisfactory.

The appeal court, which had earlier quashed the conviction against Jacqueline Fletcher, aged 28, had been told that no record was kept of an interview in which she had apparently confessed the killing to a woman police officer. The six-week-old baby was originally thought to have been a cot death

After the judgment, Peter Joslin, chief constable of Warwickshire, criticised the BBC Rough Justice programme which had investigated the case, accusing it and the BBC of "misrepresenting the facts". He said that the interview had happened before tape recording was introduced as part of the Police and Criminal Evi-

dence Act. The interview had not been conducted by some hard bitten member of the crime squad but by a woman officer who had herself just returned to work after the birth of her second child, Mr Joslin said on BBC radio. "We in the police are enti-tled to a little justice."

Miss Fletcher said: "Γm just glad to be out. I want to thank all the people who worked for me, including the Rough Justice team." David Jessel, the programme's pre-senter, said: "It is this sort of case which makes up most of the bog-standard miscarriages of justice. One just wonders how many other Jacqueline Fletchers are out

Lord Lane said that misleading medical evidence heard by the jury and failures by the police to follow correct procedures after Miss Fletcher's arrest and interrogation had caused the court deep concern.

Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Potts, said that after her arrest, Miss Fletcher denied the allegation in the presence of her solicitor and police inspector, but then she had asked to be left alone with a woman police officer to talk "woman to woman". She had then, inexplicably, confessed to drowning her son and repeated the admission in a full interview. Lord

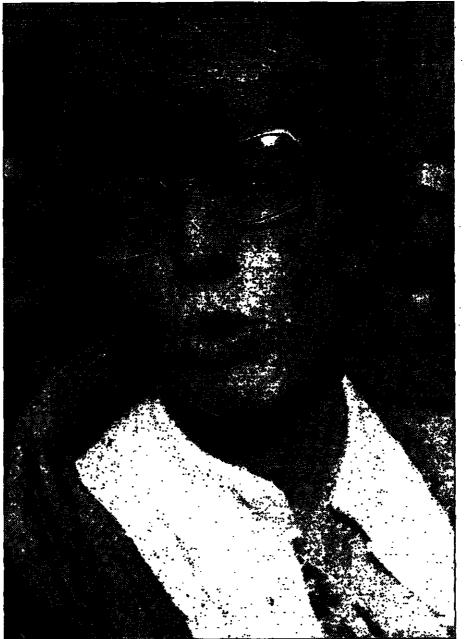
But no record was made of what was said during the interview and no mention made in any record to that effect. He said the court did

the police or the officer for the clear breach of guidance set out in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. Miss Fletcher, of Nunea-

ton, Warwickshire, was jailed for life by Birmingham Crown Court in September 1988. Her son had died in 1984 in the flat where she lived while the child's father was in jail. Miss Fletcher was

brought to trial because in 1987 her landlady allegedly heard her tell another baby son: "If you don't shut up, I will do the same what I done to the other one." The main evidence against her was her confession in which she described how the baby struggled under water.

Her oldest child, Jason, aged ten, has been looked after by her parents while her third child, Mark, has been adopted. Ewen Smith, her solicitor, said that it was a great injustice. "The family have suffered enormously over the last three years. Miss Fletcher has had to live with the trauma of being blamed for killing her child. She always protested her innocence. She is entitled to compensation and we will be taking steps to see she is



Jacqueline Fletcher leaving the Appeal Court after being freed yesterday

Wife who killed rival is given year's probation

From Ian Murray in verden, lower saxons

CHRISTINE Dryland, the army wife who killed her husband's lover by running her over, was yesterday sent for in-patient treatment for up to a year at a London psychi-

court-martial in Germany.
The court decided to make her subject to a Rhine army probation order, which means that she will be under supervision for only a year. Dryland had admitted manslaughter due to diminished responsibility. The court decided on leniency after hearing of Dryland's distress at the love affair of her husband, Major Anthony Dryland. The sentence is subject to confirmation.

Evidence yesterday showed that Major Dryland had lived a lie for months, pretending during his affair with a German woman that he still loved his wife. Dryland said that, after learning "the ap-palling truth", she had tried to kill herself.

The court listened to a recording made by military police after Dryland ran over and killed Marika Sparfeldt, her husband's lover. In it, Dryland said: "I realised that he had been lying, so cold and cruel. I felt I was going to pieces . . . it was just a nightmare . . . the cold, hard crueity of what he has done to me. I couldn't stand it any more. I thought 'There is only one way out of this and I have got to do it this time. I have got to kill myself'.

" I just couldn't see any-thing else because I had tried

everything else. I couldn't even think like myself any

The interview showed that Dryland became suspicious that her husband was having an affair on Boxing Day. 1990, just before he was due to go to the Gulf. She had insisted on going with him and their two sons to the riding dub where he was in a fun ride. She said: "My husband ignored us completely. He was surrounded by all of these women, horsey friends, who were literally, physically falling all over him. He was with Marika, though I didn't know her then, sitting very close and drinking out of each

other's glasses." Dryland said that she still did not want to believe her husband was having an affair and put his conduct down to drink and worries about going to the Gulf.

However letters and a love diary found later in Frau Sparfeld's flat revealed that in the weeks before Christmas she and the major were all but living together, going out almost daily. In one of the 47 letters he sent her from the Gulf he wrote: "these times

have been magical."

After the Gulf war, the major resumed the affair, the court was told. Ann Curnow, OC, for the defence, said: "He was living a lie at home. This must have made him intolerable to live with. Only three minutes' walk away were the stables where he was in the arms of Marika."

Dryland said that on the day of the killing she had gone to the stables to remind her husband to drive the babysitter home, and saw him and Frau Sparfeldt together. "I realised he was still seeing her and having an affair . . . I just started shouting and swearing," she said. She said her husband pulled her away and she decided to kill herself, and repeatedly drove her Saab into his Mercedes. She could not remember seeing her husband or seeing Frau Spar-

feldt and running her over. Miss Curnow produced scientific evidence to refute statements by the major that his wife had repeatedly driven



Mansion finds a buyer at last

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

NEARLY two years after it was put on the market for £2.75 million, Wardour Castle, near Tisbury in Wiltshire, may have found a buyer.

Although contracts have not yet been exchanged on the 18th century Palladian mansion, the agent Lane Fox said yesterday that it had received a formal offer on the property, the former home of Cranborne Chase school, whose governors are selling the house.

The price is likely to be considerably less than £1 million. When the house was auctioned last December. it failed to reach its reserve of £950,000. The buyers of the

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comes here in the end. Last night Diana had

house, once the seat of the Arundell family, are believed to want it partly for residen-tial use. The news will delight local people, who feared it might become a football training centre or the head-

quarters of a religious cult. The house is a textbook Georgian mansion. It was designed by James Paine and built between 1770 and 1776. According to the Pevs-ner architectural guide, it has "the most glorious Georgian interior in Wiltshire", which includes a circular staircase.

There is a huge chapel in the west wing, and in the east wing is a kitchen so large that one of the Arundell ladies is said to have had her first riding lesson around the

Lawyers question poll tax clamping

EXPERTS have questioned the legality of wheeldamping the cars of poll tax defaulters. Leeds city council is due to vote next week on introducing the scheme in an attempt to help recoup £22 million in community charge debts.

Kerry Underwood, Law Society spokesperson on the community charge, has warned that councils would be acting outside the "spirit, and probably the letter, of the law" if they clamped defaulters' cars to pressurise or embarrass them into paying their poll tax arrears.

"Bailiffs are empowered by the courts to seize goods in order to raise money to meet outstanding debts. They are not, however, empowered to carry out a campaign of

The Automobile Association has also voiced doubts about the road safety implications of the plan, saying clamped vehicles could cause an obstruction in emergencies. An AA spokeswoman said: "We are surprised, when wheelclamping is such a grey area in terms of the law, even in instances of illegal parking, to see it being used in this

Leeds city council, which intends to release defaulters' cars only when the full poll tax has been paid, or to sell them at auction to recoup the debt, has yet to draw up guidelines for bailiffs on

when and how to use clamping. "The legislation governing enforcement community charge is widely drawn," a spokesman said. Clamping a non-payer's car would be the first step towards recovering unpaid

poll-tax demands. Lawyers from the Poll Tax Legal-Group said that councils could be opening them-selves up to "serious problems", particularly over establishing ownership of vehicles. Rob Manson, the group's director of legal research, said: "A bailiff would only be justified in interfering with, or removing a motor belongs to the charge-payer against whom they have been instructed to seize goods. The onus would be on them to prove ownership, or they

could face criminal proceedings." Councils would have access to car registration records held at Swansea licensing centre, but the registered keeeper of a vehicle would not necessarily be the same person as the owner.

Two local authorities, Kirklees in West Yorkshire and Stockport in Greater Manchester, have begun using wheelclamps to immobilise cars before towtrucks arrive to stop owners driving off and, in some cases, injuring council officials.

Oxford rower had cancer

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

JOHN Hebbes, the Oxford University oarsman who collapsed and died last Tuesday while training on the Thames for a place in the Boat Race team, was suffering from an undiagnosed cancer which led to a heart attack.

A post mortem examination has concluded that Mr Hebbes, aged 19, died from natural causes and the coroner will not hold an inquest, it was disclosed yesterday.

A police spokesman said that if he had seen a doctor. the tumour might have been discovered. "But because he was such a fit lad and felt OK. he didn't feel the need to visit a GP, even though the medical condition would have pro-

duced some symptoms." The 6ft 8ins tall oarsman, nicknamed "Doughboy" by his university friends because of his appetite, was a second-year Oriel College mathematics undergraduate from Kingston upon Thames. He collapsed in a practice boat clutching his chest during a

The police spokesman said that a pathologist had con-cluded Mr Hebbes died from cardiac arrest hastened by a condition known as ganglioneuroma, related to a liver tumour. "It could have been dealt with quite easily with no harmful effects," he said.

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Conspiracy theory MP is branded a whinger

By Alan Hamilton

A CONSERVATIVE MP was branded as a whinger yester-day when he took up much of the slack in Commons debating time in an effort to clear his name. John Browne, who repre-

sents Winchester, was sus-pended from the House for 20 days in 1990 after an investigation by the select committee on members' interests ruled that he had been less than fully forth-coming on his outside earnings. ings. Having won a place in the ballot to introduce a Friday motion, Mr Browne seized the opportunity to complain that he and his constituents had been vic-tims of a grand and deliberate injustice, a show trial,

and a conspiracy.

Since his suspension he has been deselected by his constituency party. Yester-day, he refuted allegations that he had made £50,000 which he had not declared from a company he partowned. "There was no finan-cial gain to me, and no one was harmed," he said. He alleged that documents

stolen from his company and

personal files had been used against him, that an Observ-

It was a scream . . . 9 Russell Miller, in The Sunday Times Magazine tomorrow

given a murder party.

Such fun, Pierre

Marais -- you know

he's a retired general? - came in a naval

uniform and had made

a row of medals from

ribbon and silver foil

er journalist who wrote about him had a close working relationship with Dale Campbell-Savours, a Labour member of the select committee which sentenced him. that he was threatened by Richard Ryder, the government chief whip, and had

been pressured by, among others, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Kenneth Baker. Meetings with those party luminaries confirmed his worst thoughts that Labour were out for the blood of a Tory MP. He also said that false publicity over the break-



Browne: impassioned defence fell on deaf ears "acrimonious" divorce case had had a detrimental effect on his standing in Commons

Mr Browne's impassion defence fell on deaf ears. Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, told him: "I know what's really getting to your craw — the fact that you have been done when a lot of your friends are making money as well." Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the select committee, re-minded Mr Browne that he had made no request to call witnesses before or during

his original hearing.

John Fraser, from the Opposition benches, said that Mr Browne's epitaph would record him as as "public schoolboy, Guards officer, banker, MP and whinger". John MacGregor, leader of the House, emphasised that there had been a free vote at the end of the original debate on Mr Browne's case and that now was not the time to consider his complaints on

committee procedure.

The case collapsed. Mr
Browne had little choice but withdraw the motion and the debate ended without a vote.

Seventh

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appeal lost

Lorrain Osman, the Malay-sian lawyer and businessman

who has been in custody for six years awaiting extradition to Hong Kong to face theft and fraud charges, yesterday

lost his latest attempt in the High Court to gain his

Rejecting his seventh appli-

Lord Justice Woolf, sitting

with Mr Justice Pill, said it

had no merit. They also re-

jected his application for judi-

cial review of the decision of

the Chief Metropolitan Mag-

istrate in June 1987 to com-

Mr Osman. aged 59, is ac-

cused of false accounting and

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Tyneside riots report urges changes

Probation officers 'are out of touch'

By PETER DAVENPORT

A REPORT ordered by senior probation officers in the aftermath of last year's Tyneside riots has strongly criti-

cised the service. The 11-page document concludes that officers were out of touch with communities in the Meadow Well area of North Shields and in Newcastle upon Tyne's west end, both scenes of violence during five days of unrest in

Mike Worthington, Northumbria's chief probation officer, said yesterday that his staff had become too officebound and ought to be more which they served. A government directive changing work practices over the past five years had meant that probation officers had be-

come too tied to their desks. "As we have gone down this road we have begun to lose touch with the communities where these offenders live. The report is very critical of our practices and I make no apologies for that. It's something I think all 55 probation areas in England and Wales

will have to address, because they have all been pushed in the same direction. In the wake of the rioting Whatever our work methods,

our effectiveness has in-

creased. Of all the offenders

from the Meadow Well and the west end who came under

our supervision last year, 80

per cent completed their per-

iod without reconviction. "It's

quite remarkable in the cir-

cumstances. It's a figure our staff can be proud of." The report, still in draft form, is

due to be released next week.

yesterday that most people in places such as Meadow Well

continued to lead decent and

law-abiding lives against the

odds. They were "fearful

places".
"Our officers need to con-

stantly remind themselves

what it's like to live in such

areas of sheer deprivation and disadvantage, where lev-els of unemployment and poverty are phenomenal."

He said that of the 516

offenders from the Meadow

Well and the west end under

probation service supervision,

only 17 had full-time jobs. "It

is almost impossible to take in

that scale of unemployment, but it's a reality of life."

Mr Worthington added

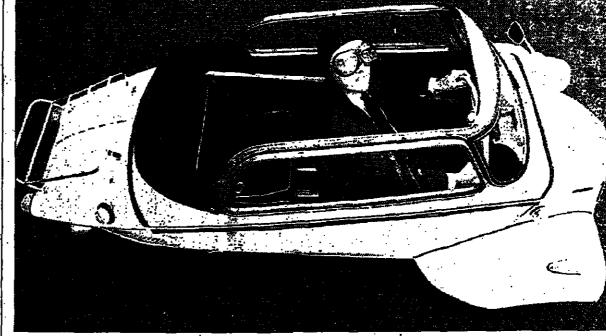
Mr Worthington asked the chief probation officers responsible for north Tyneside and Newcastle to prepare a report to discover what lessons could be learnt. He said yesterday: "We

now realise we need to be more visible on the Meadow Well and in the west end. We need to have a better understanding and a lot more knowledge of the problems of people living there." There are 14 probation staff assigned to the city's west end and nine to the Meadow Well

housing estate.

Mr Worthington said that the report also emphasised that the probation service needed to work more closely with agencies such as the police, social services and community groups. Despite the criticisms in the report. Mr Worthington said that he believed that the probation service was still doing a good

job.
"We are not panicking.



Taking to the air: a restored Messerschmitt KR200, built in 1959, has a trial run before its sale at an ADT auction at Blackbushe, Hampshire, on Monday. The aircraft-inspired car is expected to fetch over £6,000

Ulster leaders start to rebuild bridges

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE leaders of the four main constitutional parties in Northern Ireland met for a private session of talks in Belfast yesterday to pave the way for a resumption of formal negotiations after the

The objective of the meeting, suggested by the prime leaders at Downing Street recently, was to help build trust for another attempt at talks after the election, John Hume. SDLP leader, said. There is also concern that No significant progress is expected before then.

Unionists remain concerned about Labour's policy commitment to a united Ireby Neil Kinnock on Thursday that any talks under a Labour government would not be designed to advance that cause.

the SDLP and the Irish government wish to place the Government of Ireland Act which facilitated partition in Ireland, on the agenda to balance possible amendment

of the republic's constitution which claims sovereignty over Northern Ireland.

Before yesterday's meeting, three of the political leaders held talks with the heads of the four main churches in Northern Ireland.

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Prying drivers delay aid

POLICE yesterday attacked "rubber-necking" drivers for preventing ambulances reaching the victims of a series of motorway pile-ups in which one man died and more than 20 were injured.

Wreckage from at least 12 crashes blocked the southbound carriageway of the M61 near Bolton, Greater Manchester, in thick, freez-ing fog during the morning rush hour. But police said that motorists in the northbound lanes who slowed to look at the wrecks were involved in another series of accidents, delaying emergen-cy vehicles....

"Visibility was down to 30 yards in places, yet people were paying more attention to the grief of others than their own driving," said Chief Inspector Neil Longsden of the Greater Manchester ers were simply nubber-necking and staring across the carriageway at people who were trapped in vehicles. To say they were revelling in other people's misfortune sounds too strong, but that is what it boils down to."

The man who died. Philip Bullough of Hyde, Greater Manchester, was hit by a lorry after leaving his wrecked car.

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ment at Linares, Spain, when he defeated Ljubomir Ljubojevic, of Yugoslavia, in the fourth round. Short had only scored half a point from his first three games.

The overnight leader, Arthur Yusunov, formerly of the Soviet Linion, but 10000. Soviet Union but now of Germany, lost to the Span-iard Miguel Illescas. Yusupov now shares the lead with the world champion Gary Kasparov, who drew with Viswanathan Anand, of India. Both have three points.

Shooting enquiry An enquiry led by the assistant chief constable of Essex

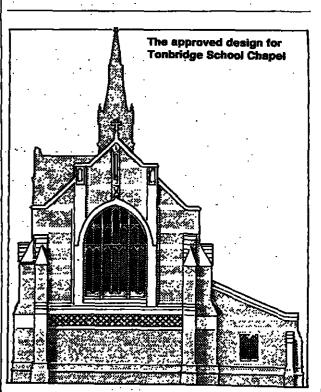
has been set up by the Police Complaints Authority into the shooting dead of a man who wounded a police officer and hijacked a driving in-structor and his car at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, on Thursday. The dead man was Barry Clutterham, aged 47, who lived in the town, police confirmed. The shot officer was under sedation yesterday.

Petrol spill

Four tons of petrol spilled into Cardiff docks yesterday when the tanker from which it was being unloaded ran into the quayside at Roath Dock in Cardiff Bay. Mechanical booms were used to contain the spill. The National Rivers Authority said that it would be some time before any effects on marine life were

Wite's plea

A husband found guilty of raping his wife was given an 18 month suspended sentence by Northampton crown court yesterday after his wife said that she did not want the trial to continue and wanted him back as a husband and father to their two young children. The man, aged 31, of Kettering, denied rape last August. The judge told him that he had escaped prison because of his wife's love.



Church to decide on school chapel

BY ALISON ROBERTS

GOVERNORS of Tonbridge School, Kent, have been granted planning permission to rebuild the school chapel, but are still waiting for con-sent from church authorities before the £7 million scheme can go ahead.

The design, by Donald But-tress, was submitted to the Chancellor of the Diocese, who must decide whether to erant the plans a faculty the equivalent of listed building consent. Objections to the design from English Her-

cil have also been submitted to the church authorities. David Hart-Dyke, clerk to the governors, said: "The people at English Heritage are great experts and they gave one or two pointers, but ey did approve the designs. I think people will be eternally grateful to the governors for spending this much moncy on the chapel."

The proposed design bears strong resemblance to the original Edwardian chapel by Campbell Jones which damaged by fire in 1988.



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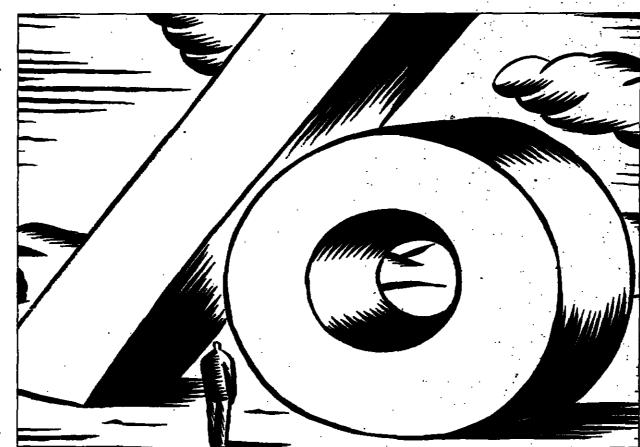
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Tories launch Scottish campaign

Hurd and Baker lead defence of union

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late into votes for the party.

The results of the System Three poll for The Herald

yesterday show that the To-ries could win Edinburgh

South, Edinburgh Central,

Aberdeen South, and Strath-kelvin and Bearsden and save

two of their most vulnerable

seats, Ayr and Stirling. How-

ever, the Galloway and Upper Nithsdale seat of Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, is

under threat from the SNP.

◆ The Liberal Democrats' spring conference will open

with a rally in Glasgow next

Friday night on the theme of

moving "towards true democ-racy in Scotland". On Satur-

day the conference will have a

full-scale debate on Scotland.

Philip Howard, page 12

were at about 13 per cent.

THE Conservatives Scottish general election campaign effectively was launched yes-terday when Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Baker delivered withering attacks on Labour's plans for a devolved parlia-ment for Scotland.

Despite an opinion poll showing that almost 80 per cent of the public support parties in favour of some deg-ree of home rule, they offered a robust defence of the present constitutional arrangement and refused to give any ground to devolution. The attempts by the foreign and home secretaries to bolster support for the union came as the Scottish Constitutional Convention, formed three years ago, met in Edinburgh to complete proposals for a Scottish parliament. Mr Hurd and Mr Baker

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saved their fiercest criticism for Labour in the hope of sustaining increasing public doubts over how devolution would work. Mr Baker, whose Scottish party col-leagues are overjoyed that the Scottish National Party is squeezing the Labour and Liberal Democrat vote, said: "I am delighted to see how the Scottish Labour party and the Scottish National Party

are fighting like two ferrers in Mr Baker said the Tories had managed to clarify the constitutional debate by pointing out the weaknesses in the nationalists' policy of independence in Europe, and in the Labour and Liberal hopes for devolution. The effect of splitting the Opposi-tion, the Tories hope, would be to save their present nine Scottish seats and even make

gains at the election. Later down one point to 10 per Mr Hurd said: "Labour and cent. Last November they the SNP have put forward detailed models for Scot-land's future which are either misguided or fraudulent. I would at least give the SNP credit for sincerity." Labour's position was "more disingen-

uous and devious", he said. They have two objectives. First, to take power in Scotland through supporting es-tablishment of a devolved assembly. Second, to improve their chances of governing the UK by retaining arrange-ments at Westminster incompatible with devolution."

Mr Hurd continued to har-ry Labour with the "West Lothian question", first posed 15 years ago and still unanswered by Labour leaders. He said: "You cannot strip the Westminster Parliament of its right to legislate on most Scottish matters but then let Scots MPs determine those same areas of policy for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is patently absurd and unfair. Labour is offering a fraudulent prospectus."

The visit by the minister was the first in a number of pre-election forays over the border in which nine cabinet members will struggle to shore up party support and to warn that home rule would split the union. The Tories, according to the latest poll in The Herald, have remained relatively static at 22 per cent while Labour has dropped to 38 per cent from 47 per cent in early January.

The SNP has gained at Labour's expense, rising from 21 per cent in January to 28 per cent. The Liberal Democrats too have been squeezed,



Winning ways: Dr Julia Schofield and her guide dog, after Lord Reay, an industry minister, gave her London computer firm a £50,000 Small Firms Merit Award for Research and Technology

Kinnock derides tax cuts 'bribe'

BY SHEILA GUNN. POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock rounded on the government last night for borrowing "to bribe" voters with money that they would later have to pay back, in-stead of building a path to-

wards economic recovery. In an attack on the government's economic record, the Labour leader said that the coming general election would be a contest between the Tories' negatives and Labour's positive policies. The government had no

excuses and no alibis for the state of the economy, only the guilt, Mr Kinnock told the Welsh Labour party conference in Swansea. He predicted that billions of pounds in extra borrowing to finance a possible 2p cut in income tax would be announced in the March 10 Budget to try to rescue the "expensive skins"

of a few hundred Tory MPs. "In desperation, they are putting the British people deeper into debt," Mr Kinnock said. "They are putting Britain in hock to try to keep themselves in office."

Extra borrowing to finance a "tax-cut bribe" would have to be paid back through higher VAT, with an extension of VAT to more goods and ser-

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vices, and through health and

education charges. In one c: his keynote speeches of the pre-election

campaign. Mr Kinnock wondered why tax cuts had not been announced a year ago when Britain had gone into recession, if ministers were concerned about promoting recovery. "I'll tell you why they didn't do it." he said. "There wasn't an election 12 months ago. Indeed, they did the opposite. They put taxes up 12 months ago. They put

2's percentage points on VAT for everybook Borrowing to electoral bair was plain wrong. Britain had become a country where a heart surgeon at Gay's Hornital could not treat a man who later died bemuse a health authority had spent its budget for such surgery.

Mr Kinnock said that

people had the choice of taxcut bribes, paid for with borrowed money, or investment in production and public services. He said "It's the difference between borrowing to bribe and borrowing to build. It's the difference between the Tories and Labour."

Labour promises care choice for elderly

By JEREMY LAURANCE SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

RESIDENTIAL homes run by local authorities would be expanded under a Labour government to give residents a "real choice" between publie and private provision, the

party says.
It would appoint a minister of community care to a renamed health department and would introduce an earmarked grant to local autharities to guarantee the level of provision. A benefit of £55 to £60 a week would be paid to full-time carers. But Labour's policy document. Better Community Care. launched yesterday, contains

no funding commitment. The party says that the present system unfairly fayours the private sector, where residents can claim so cial security benefits. Labour would adjust the financial rules to "establish a level playing field" between the sectors. Robin Cook, shadow health secretary, said: "Our first pri-ority is to halt the reduction in Diary, page 12 | public provision."

Peers seek action on ship safety

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PEERS yesterday urged the prise sinking or extinction of

called for the transport department to pass ship safety regulation to a new civil maritime authority modelled on the Civil Aviation Authority. The report echoes criticism

ters have not been made. to be fragmented. Each ship should have a "safety case", detailing risks and safety sys-

An independent civil marinme body could forge a closer House of Lords select committee

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ent shipping authority.

A House of Lords report

by the National Audit Office that changes recommended after recent shipping disas-An enquiry by the Lords science committee found the world regime for ship safety

dependent regulator, it said. New bulk carriers were impressive. More typical, the peers said, were substandard ships, corroded by cargoes and the sea, with small crews. They were "posing a threat not only to themselves and their crews, but to other ships, coastal populations and the marine environment.

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relationship with shipping, and be seen to put safety first. on science and technology 2nd report: safety aspects of ship design and technology (Sta-tionery Office, £16.60)

attacked

By Michael Hornsby

GOVERNMENT plans to conserve scarce fish stocks in the North Sea by paying fish-ermen to take their vessels out of service were described as "blackmail" in exchanges in the Commons yesterday.

John Gummer, the agriculture minister, said the £25 million de-commissioning scheme was needed to secure the long-term prosperity of the fishing industry. "We are asking today's fishermen to accept considerable burdens because of the overfishing of the past so as to provide for

The de-commissioning scheme would run for two years, starting in 1993, but the grants would only be available if skippers agreed to accept limits on the days the rest of their boats spend at sea. The aim would be to reduce fishing effort by about 10 per cent by 1996.

Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party's leader and MP for the fishing constituency of Banff and Buchan, said Mr Gummer was using the de-commissioning grants to "blackmail the fishing community into accepting transferable catch quotas.

He claimed this would en able large operators to buy out small family businesses. "It would undermine the social fabric of entire fishing communities in Scotland and could lead to the loss of half

Major homes in on his big idea

By JOHN SHAW

JOHN Major was surrounded by a media circus in his Huntingdon constituency yesterday as he launched a project dear to his heart; the first county council citizen's charter. The prime minister ac-

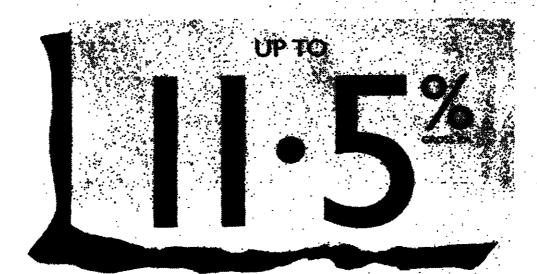
knowledged that the charter was his "big idea", but he said the Conservativecontrolled Cambridgeshire county council began a thorough review of its operations three years ago, be-fore he announced the national initiative. The intention was to ensure that people who use its services received the best possible

A leaflet outlining its pro-visions is being delivered to every household in the county. It is being support-ed by nearly 30 pledges committing the authority to respond to enquiries within five working days, repair dangerous potholes within 24 hours and provide free school meals to children whose parents are on income support within

scheme as an example of local government at its best and brushed aside the

"Those peoplewho say it is a gimmick are those who are frightened of what we are actually seeing in centrai and local government. which is a revolution in the ment of services and the personal nature of services. This is a continuing commitment to make sure we get the best pos-sible services for the money available. It is already starting to work." Mr Major said.

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Russia orders enquiry into billion-rouble private deal FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW A DOZEN members of the

former Soviet Communist party elite, together with se-nior officials of the Russian government and defence esablishment, are being investigated in connection with an unauthorised privatisation scheme that would have cost the Russian state an estimated one billion roubles (£330 million at the official commercial rate).

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Officials in Moscow refused to give more details yesterday, saying that papers relating to the deal had been passed to the chief prosecutor

Kravchuk rallies to Yeltsin

Kiev: President Kravchuk told Ukrainians they must cooperate with Russia's leaders to defend democracy against a conservative backlash now threatening President Yeltsin's government.

When there is frost on Thursday in Moscow it reaches Kiev by Friday," Mr Kravchuk told the Rukh movement, now filling the vacuum left by the banned communists as the country's main political force. (Reuter)

Mutiny ends

Niamey: Mutinous soldiers in Niger drew back from a coup, freeing arrested politicians and ending their occupation of the airport and radio station after the government agreed to pay their salaries. (Reuter)

Arms racket

Bordeaux: Thirty-one people, including an army major and former soldiers involved in a big racket smuggling arms for the French criminal underworld, received jail sentences of up to eight years at a

Picassos found

Zurich: Police have recovered the Picasso-water colours, Woman Sitting and Christ from Montmartre, worth a total of £20 million stolen last June from an art gallery.

Bitter sweet

Rovigo. Italy: Police aiming to curb tax evasion in small shops, fined a two-year-old boy 33,000 lire (£13) after his mother bought him a chocolate and forgot to ask for a receipt. (Reuter)

and the matter was now sub judice. The emerging scan-dal, known to involve the privatisation and development of the Vnukovo-3 airfield near Moscow, as well as satellite production and tracking systems, came to light piecemeal in the past 48 hours.

The size and nature of the deal, combined with the seniority of those implicated, holds the prospect of a final showdown between the old elite and the market-oriented Russian reformers, which could determine the fate of Russia's whole privatisation

programme. "The nomenklatura has not given up its fight yet," Valeri Makharadze, an aide to President Yeltsin, said. Some of the toughest battles are still to come." Mr Makharadze holds the title "chief inspector at the president's office" and is responsi-

ble for monitoring implementation of Mr Yeltsin's instructions. He predicted that the full parliamentary congress, scheduled for early April would see a determined fightback by the old guard. Defence industry chiefs were. with Communist party offici-

als, among the strongest supporters of the August coup. Among names mentioned in connection with what is known as the "Kolo" project are Leonid Kravchenko, the former head of Soviet state television and radio, and Aleksandra Biryukova, formerly responsible for social and consumer affairs.

Russian officials said they

had heard no suggestion that Arkadi Volsky, the defence industry privatisation supremo, was in any way involved. Mr Volsky heads the Russian enterprise association. The trail of the Kolo affair — Kolo appears to be an acronym relating either to the cosmos or conversion, but no one would, or could, explain it yesterday — was laid on Thursday when Russian. officials disclosed that the government had summarily dismissed the deputy head of the state property committee, which is overseeing Russia's

privatisation programme, and the deputy agriculture minister for "gross abuses of their position". Last night Anatoli Chubais, the chairman of the committee for state property management, confirmed that former central committee members

were implicated, but did not

name them. Reports of doz-

ens being involved were exag-

gerated, he said.



Hot stuff: a Russian soldier wearing fire-proof combat clothing leaps over flames in a simulated napalm attack at the Militopol strategic missile base, 550 miles east of Moscow. President Yeltsin wants to cut drastically Russian nuclear forces

Auction orbit for capsule

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

FOR SALE, Soviet space capsule, one careful owner, slight traces of burn marks from atmospheric reentry, no reasonable offer in hard currency

If ever there was a symbol of the decline of what used to be the Soviet Union, it must be the presence in the catalogue of Parisian auctioneers Herve Poulain of a "de-scent module of the Photon satellite." which translates into 2.3 tonnes of solid steel that was cir-culating in space for a little over two weeks in April

According to M
Poulain, bids for this unusual item — which even
the experts of the Anfind tricky to value precisely — can be expected to open at around one million francs (some climb to about twice that

If you must have the small print, the first of the Photon series of satellites was launched in the mid-1980s, its mission to acquire scientific data with microgravity experiments in outer space.

The one that has found its way into Poulain's showroom was in orbit for 16 days which, in terms of second-hand satellites. one gathers from the experts, represents a good few miles on the clock.

Commonwealth troops pulled out of Karabakh

TROOPS of the former Soviet Union were ordered to withdraw to safety from disputed Nagorno-Karabakh yesterday as fighting escalated berween rival Azerbaijan and Armenia troops.

Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, who was forced by the heavy fighting to abandon a visit to the territory, met Armenian leaders and vowed his country would press on with attempts to mediate in the conflict.
"Iran will continue its efforts as a go-between in the conflict," he said during a break in talks with Levon Ter-Petrossian, the Armenian

Armenia and Azerbaijan are involved in an undeclared war over Nagorno-Karabakh. The four-year conflict has killed more than 1,000 people and forced hundreds of thousands to flee. The enclave, administered since 1923 by Azerbaijan, is largely populated by Armenians. Past mediation attempts have gone down in a hail of bullets and broken promises.

Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, commander-in-chief of the Commonwealth of Indepen-

Both sides have accused the armed forces of the fledgeling commonwealth of siding with the other, Jonathan Lyons writes

dent States forces, issued the withdrawal order as CIS troops came under fire at their base in the regional capital, Stepanakert, during a fresh flare-up of fighting. The decision has been taken to withdraw the 366th regiment beyond the boundaries of Nagorno-Karabakh ... and to strengthen guards on all depots and bases where military equipment is stored," a commonwealth defence

ministry spokesman said. According to Interfax news agency, the commonwealth troops had been ordered to withdraw not only from Na-gorno-Karabakh but also from along the border between Armenia and Azerbaiian. Both sides have accused the armed forces of the fledgeling commonwealth of siding with conflict.

Marshal Shaposhnikov

Albanian police foil refugees said that if weapons and arnmunition - including Grad missile batteries and combat

FROM REUTER

IN TIRANA POLICE scaled Albania's main port, Durres, and ordered ships to leave yesterday after thousands of wouldbe refugees flocked there in the hope of fleeing a country racked by poverty, looting and violence.

Police with megaphones patrolled the streets of the Adriatic port, telling people that they had been misled by false rumours. Earlier, sec-urity forces had fired warning shots into the air. Television showed pictures of an empty harbour to discourage others from heading for the port. Crowds were reported at the smaller port of Shengjin, 50 miles north of Tirana, the

The would-be refugees, hoping to follow Albanians who fled in commandeered ships last year, arrived as looting and violence raged for the fourth successive day. At least three people have been killed in the latest wave of state lurches towards elec-tions in three weeks' time.

PEOPLE

Appeal nets beer money

A CONSERVATIVE military newspaper in St Petersburg has launched an ironic appeal to help the former Soviet president, Mikhail Gorba-chev, through the hard times he says he is enduring. But one day's collection by Na Strazhe Rodiny (On Guard for the Homeland) netted Mr buy a small slice of cheese or three bottles of Russian beer.

Chicago city council has unanimously approved a resolution to ask the American nostal service to issue a stamp for the late Richard Daley. who was the city's mayor for 21 years. The move was inspired by a planned stamp honouring Elvis Presicy.

George Peppard, aged 63. has been told that a small turnour on his right lung is not cancerous, but the medical scare has motivated him to give up smoking.

Dutch royal guards, military polce and firemen combed the Huis ten Bosch palace grounds with an animal ambulance in readiness, but they found Queen Beatrix's pet two-year-old border terrier, Miss Pepper, had died after chasing a rabbit down a hole.

President Elias Hrawi of Lebanon was reported in good health after a "simple" surgical operation in an east Beirut hospital Presidential aides refused to disclose the type of surgery that he underwent.

The Swedish Academy, which awards the Nobel literature prize, named Katarina Frostenson, a 38-year-old poet, as a lifetime member, bringing to three the number of women among the 18 members of the academy.

Sarah Brightman is to take a break from her £7,000-a-week starring role in the musical, Aspects of Love, from next month until May while she tours Japan with The Andrew Llova Webber. Her role will be taken by Susannah Fellows.

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Belgrade purges military

From Dessa Trevisan IN BELGRADE AND JOHN HOLLAND IN SARAJEVO

MORE than 20 generals and admirals including General Veliko Kadijevic, the former federal defence minister, and his deputy, Admiral Stane Brovet, have been retired in a purge designed to eliminate non-Serbs from the Yugoslav military leadership.

General Kadijevic had re-signed his ministerial post immediately after the shoot-ing down of an EC helicopter last month. All Macedonian generals have been retired early following Macedonia's declaration of independence.

But several Serb generals have also been removed. All of them had served in Slovenia and in Croatia for many vears and have been blamed for the loss of those republics. In Sarajevo yesterday on the eve of a referendum in the ethnically-mixed republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, its Muslim president said that the West supported its move towards independence, and that neither Croats nor Serbs could stop this. Alija Izetbegovic said that Bosnia, much of which is under blockade, has "Europe, the US, and the Muslim world behind us. They [Croatia and Serbia] can do nothing."

He was referring to recent expressions of support from the EC as well as financial assistance from Turkey. The weekend-long referendum has been overshadowed by several random bombings in parts of northern Bosnia, where Serbian nationalism is

particularly strong. Omer Behmen, Mr Izetbegovic's deputy in the Democratic Party of Action, yesterday announced plans for setting up local Muslim civilian militia units in troubied areas.

"If civil war breaks out," he said, "we are ready to defend ourselves." Adding to the general nervousness in Sarajevo were louder than usual rumours that Croatia and Serbia were close to an agreement to carve up Bosnīa-Herzegovina.

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tack (Reuter)

helicopters — seized from

army bases around the

Transcaucasus were not re-

turned, steps would be taken

to track and destroy them.

Azeribaijani and Armenian

officials said sophisticated

weapons, including combat

helicopters, tanks and

armoured personnel cartiers.

were being used by guerrillas

on both sides. Most were sto-

len, bought, or "nationalised"

from former Soviet weapons

Azerbaijan's interior minis-

try said Armenian forces had

attacked Shusha, the last

Azeribaijani stronghold in

Karabakh. It said they used

the Mi24 combat helicopters

A spokesman for Azerbai-

jan's interior ministry said

Shusha residents fled in pan-

ic as the helicopter gunships swooped down from snow-

covered mountains. "They

are still shelling with tanks

and heavy artillery. But the

helicopters threw the town

information on such an at-

Armenia said that it had no

into panic," he said.

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Allies urge Canada to leave troops in Europe

Canada to reverse the decision to withdraw its 7,000 troops from Germany. Nato defence ministers are also expected to put pressure on Ottawa to change its mind.

this week that the troops are to return home to save money has caused such opposition within the alliance that every diplomatic means is to be used to keep at least some Canadian troops in Ger-

Keating steps up battle

FROM MICHAEL CAVANAGH

PAUL Keating, the Austra-lian prime minister, resumed his battle with Britain yesterday, vowing that he would not "doff his lid" to anyone or apologise for saying Britain deserted Australia in the sec-

ond world war. The president of a war veterans' group said it appeared Mr Keating had "flipped his lid", and historians argued over whether he had his facts straight. Earlier Mr Keating came under attack when he appeared to breach protocol by placing his arm around the Queen's waist and made what many viewed as a pro-

republican speech. Mr Keating said in a radio interview that he was not concerned about people get-ting upset. "I'll always give you a pro-Australian view, and we are not going to be

doffing our lid or tugging our forelock to anybody," he said.

Alf Garland, president of the Returned Services
League, said Mr Keating did not understand what was not understand what was going on. "He's too young to remember what it was like in 1941-42, he did not understand what the state of the world was at that stage of the game," he said. "He's obviously a man that wants to do away with any connection with the United Kingdom . . .

he just flipped his lid."
In Wellington, Jim Bolger, the New Zealand prime minister, distanced himself from Mr Keating's remarks, assuring the visiting Duke of Edin-burgh that New Zealand retained strong ties with Britain. (Reuter)

THE British government has many. Douglas Hurd, the made a formal request to foreign secretary, instructed Britain's High Commissioner in Canada to deliver the gov-ernment's formal appeal for a change of heart. The Canadian High Commissioner in London was also summoned to the Foreign Office to hear the British objections.

Barbara McDougall, Can-ada's external affairs minis-ter, had telephoned Mr Hurd to warn him of her govern-ment's decision before the announcement was made on Wednesday. On the phone, Mr Hurd made it clear that Britain would prefer Canada to stick to its original plan, which was to leave 1,100 troops in Germany.

The Canadian foreign min-

ister is reported to have replied that it was "unlikely" that Ottawa would comply with the British request. As part of the alliance's pressure on Canada, Nato's special consultancy procedure is to be invoked within the next

Manfred Worner, Nato's secretary-general, is expected to call for a meeting of the defence review committee, consisting of military dele-gates from each alliance member. A report will then be made to the next defence planning committee, at which the alliance defence ministers are expected to seek a reversal of the Canadian

September that its two bases in southern Germany - at Lahr and Baden-Suellingen

- would be closed, but a task
force of 1,100 troops was to
stay in Europe. However,
Don Mazankowski, the Canadian finance spiritises cald nadian finance minister, said in his budget presentation this week that the closure of the bases, which was originally scheduled before the end of 1995, would be speeded up, and that Canada had decided

against maintaining even the



Barbara McDougall: warned Britain

Medals flaunted as rivals invade Georgia

FROM PETER STOTHARD US EDITOR IN SAVANNAHL GEORGIA

A SHINING marble map of Viemam sits by the riverside road which the candidates must tread towards Tuesday's election. George Bush will be here tomorrow. Dan Quayle came on Tuesday. Bill Clinton passed by last week, and Patrick Buchanan is also expected in Savannah before votes are cast in this next big test of the 1992

Even in this rare American city of London-like squares, Victorian statuary, plinths and obelisks celebrating 18th-century preachers and remarkable. It displays, instead of the common abstract design, the very places where Americans died. It is more homely than formal; the surround is of bricks bearing sponsors' messages from "Ben and the kids", a thank you to "Charlotte", a

"miss you" to Peg.
The map is also barely two
years old. For President
Bush, war hero and commander-in-chief, this symbol of raw Southern patriotism is an encouraging sign as he stumps against a bitter Buchanan campaign whose latest television attack shows him corrupting children with subsidised pornography. For Mr Clinton, still considered the Democratic front-runner, Savannah's new monument is an obstacle that could yet bury his chances.

At the end of a week where the two parties have vied with each other in internecine viciousness, Mr Clinton is struggling. He needs decisively to rebut the charge that his avoidance of the Vietnam draft makes him unelectable to the White House.

Barbara Palmer is a Republican who owns an antique shop by the memorial



Under pressure. Bill Clinton, seen here with his family, showed campaign pressure is getting to him when he risked black votes by accusing Jesse Jackson of double-crossing and back-stabbing

entrance. She is lukewarm about Mr Bush, whom "I might find time to see on Sunday", and fascinated by Mr Buchanan, whom she thinks will none the less be soundly beaten here. What she loves most is to see Democrats scrapping to death. Governor Clinton's rival,

Senator Bob Kerrey, began the show on Wednesday. Arriving from his home-turf victory in South Dakota, he be cut up by Republicans in November like "a soft peanut" because of his Vietnam war evasions.

Senator Kerrey, who had been saying that he would not exploit his own Vietnam Medal of Honour, came here with enough bemedalled heroes for a Buckingham Palace garden party. "A politician is never happier than when he is calling his rival a coward," one of Ms Palmer's then began to look for targets of his own. "I am tired of what is coldbloodedness being passed off as courage."

lieve that they can only be won on battlefields. He later turned in frustration on a rival who is not even running. He was overheard accusing Jesse Jackson of "dirty double-crossing backstabbing" for his report-

he said of Paul Tsongas, hop-

ing to wrest back the bravery

awards from those who be-

ed endorsement of Tom

Outside, by the memorial itself, Tad Hartman from south Georgia is showing some friends around the sites. They are Methodists who have just visited the spot where John Wesley, one of the founding fathers of Savannah, delivered his first sermon on American soil. Mr Hartman is sympathetic to Governor Clinton's troubles. He accuses Senator

Kerrey of insulting Southerners by "playing Rambo here and sensitive professor up in New Hampshire". One of his friends is less impressed. Staring at the bronze boots which sit on the marble map around the site of Hanoi, he says that "fighting in a war is one of the few things, like being president, that one does for the whole country. I don't think Clinton is qualified". It does not take many conversations with voters here to discover that blunt instruments are not used

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Most people have some idea that an election is being fought. Many have gathered too that Georgia, the gate-way to the mass of Southern primaries on March 10, is unusually important this year. But one woman I spoke to was certain that Mr Buchanan was a Democrat.

Why else would he be identifying a Republican presi-dent with leather-clad male dancers, perversion of Chris-tianity, and other crimes perpetrated by the American equivalent of the Arts Council? Many had never even heard of Senator Kerrey. For the people of this southeast Atlantic coast, his Nebraska home might as well be Poland.

Tuesday's result is likely to be as complex as the campaign is vicious. President Bush is set to win — but how bloody will Mr Buchanan make his nose? Bill Clinton is also a likely victor — but will Senator Kerrey be able to pile a destructive number of "raw patriot" votes on top of his new tactical "Clinton can't win in November" votes?

John Wesley, who in 1737 saw "a general face of decency and order" here "beyond what I have seen elsewhere in America" would not have been amused.

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Liberals hijack Mardi Gras parade

GIVEN the censorious mood of America, it was surprising that the citizens of New Orleans had got away for so long with their carnival, that week of pre-Lenten debauchery which culminates with the grand parades of Mardi Gras. To the relief of the politically correct and the fury of many revellers, things are

different this year. A new city by-law enforcing racial and sexual conformity has hit the traditional parade clubs, known as "krewes", like a cold shower, driving two of them to cancel their festivities and putting a damper on the fun of the rest. The ordinance, passed by the seven-member city govern-ment on the urging of Coun-cillor Dorothy Mae Taylor, demands racially and sexually diverse membership among the secretive krewes. These are are dominated by

Charles Bremner finds that a woman has put a stop to the more outrageous antics of the Easter Parades, turning New Orleans into a far more sober city

heterosexual white men but also number female, black and gay contingents.
"The city's falling apart

and they go after one of the few things that are still really working," complained Henri Schindler, an aggrieved float designer, in the run-up to Louisiana's annual outburst of hedonism. Delores Kepner, captain of the Krewe of Cleopatra, an all-woman's club, said she was disgusted by the council move. "What they're doing is causing a lot of racial dissent. There's no reason any man I know. would want to belong to an organisation named Cleopatra." The men of the black Zulu krewe also say they have no intention of admitting

The usual throng of about one million is expected to turn out this weekend for the cli-max of the carnival, which features gaudy costume balls and coronations of kings and queens and extravagent jazz parades that violate most of the tenets of the PC canon, from "gender stereotyping" to "substance abuse". But they will not see the

men of Comus and the Knights of Momus, prestigious krewes which are boy-cotting the events. The two

hail from the earliest days of the carnival tradition, which was founded by the city's French and English-speaking aristocracy in the mid-19th century. Most of the others decided to turn up after the council rescinded the fivemonth jail terms it had re-served as punishment for breaking its law, which takes full effect in 1993

Ms Taylor, who is now being cast on T-shirts as "the wench who stole Mardi Gras', and her supporters insist that the krewes are elitist, white men's clubs that perpetuate the racism of the Ku Klux Klan and the politics of David Duke, the rightwing Louisiana politician.
The Mardi Gras issue is

only a smokescreen," she said. "There are no crowds of blacks waiting to jump on floats, but they are waiting for a cut of the economic pie."

Drug summit seeks help from Japan

FROM RITA BEAMISH IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

PRESIDENT Bush and six Antonio, the participants Latin American leaders concluded a drug summit with renewed pledges to combat narcotics, but there were to new financial promises from Mr Bush to help his neighbours fight the battle.

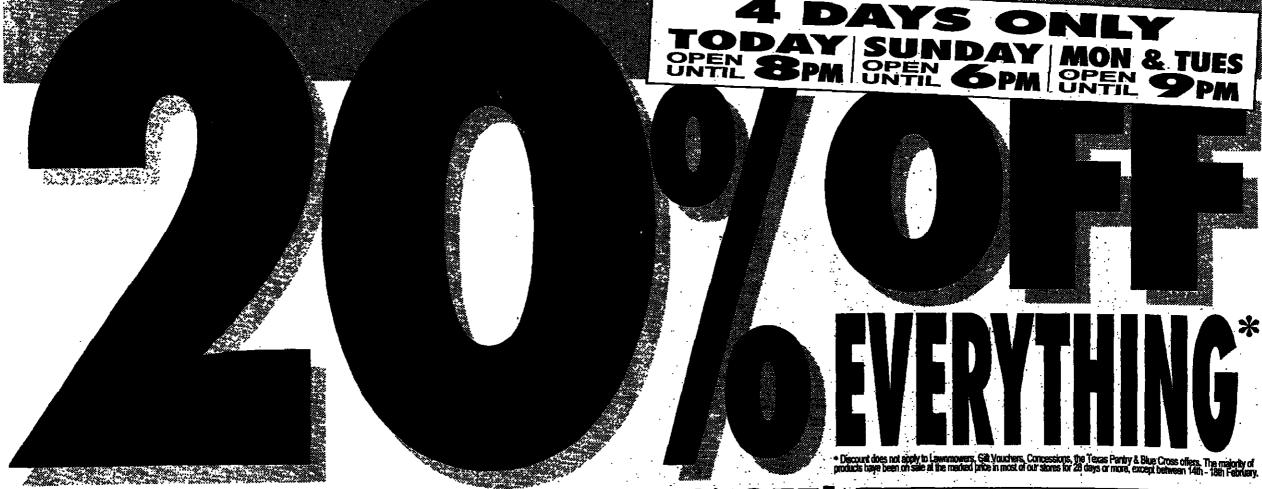
Instead, the seven leaders called on European and Asian countries, singling out Japan in particular, to share in both the financial burden of the war on drugs and to join in co-operative interdiction efforts. The summit nations will send a delegation, with one member from each country, to visit Europe and Japan and seek bilateral and multilateral agreements on aid and cooperation.

In a Declaration of San

agreed to a series of steps that for the most part expand existing efforts to combat coca production and money laun-dering, increase training of law enforcement agents and improve the sharing of intelligence. They also agreed to hold annual high-level followup meetings.
Mr Bush called drug traf-

ficking "a new kind of transnational enemy'. He added: "Make no mistake Defeat the traffickers, we will." Mr Bush said afterwards

there had been significant progress during the past two years. He said drug use among young people in the United States was down by 60 per cent. (AP)



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De Klerk will campaign in apartheid's heartland

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk has scheduled 56 public appearances in ten days to appeal for a clear mandate to pursue the goal of a multiracial

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e Georgia

It is a political campaign more intensive than that of the last general election in 1989. If any whites in South Africa are not aware of the issues at stake when they vote in a referendum on constitutional reforms next month, it will not be his fault.

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Proofs of whiteness demanded

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

VOTERS in South Africa's referendum on constitutional change next month must prove they are white, if electoral officers have any doubts about their colour.

Identity documents issued to all South African citizens no longer specify the race classification of the holder and there has been speculation during the last few days that people who do not look exactly white could sneak into polling booths and record a vote in the all-white referendum called by President de Klerk for March 17.

But all home affairs regional officers are computerlinked with the population register which apparently still colour-codes everybody despite the repeal last year of the Population Registration Act. tory workers, policemen and firemen, teachers and students will be subjected to speeches exhorting them to reject the Conservative party's demands for a return to apartheid. Pensioners in oldage homes and mine workers will be urged to rally to the cause. The Portuguese and Greek communities will be addressed, along with golfers at the 19th green of their club

Mr de Klerk's referendum road show will venture where few National party politicians have willingly gone before, into the Conservative strong. holds of Orange Free State and northern Transvaal. Se-nior cabinet ministers have been mobilised to the offen-sive, with R.F. "Pik" Botha, the popular foreign minister, leading a bold assault on the right-wing territory.

As the National party

troops prepare for action, they have been encouraged by an opinion poll which suggests they will rout the opposi-tion. According to the survey published in a Johannesburg newspaper, President de Klerk could win with 55 per cent of the electorate to 16 per cent against. However, 25 per cent of the 2,400 people polled by telephone refused to disclose their preference, indicating the projection could be wildly inaccurate.

The Conservatives believe most Afrikaners have decided where their loyalties lie, and are focusing their campaign on the more fluid Englishspeaking vote in the cities and Natal.

• Geneva: The United Nations highest human rights body voted yesterday to continue sanctions against South Africa, despite the opposition of Western nations and mem-bers of the former East bloc.



Birthday bravura: Elizabeth Taylor arriving for her 60th birthday party at Disneyland in Anaheim, California. The 1,000 guests were given a programme that read: "Welcome to the Happiest Birthday on Earth. Here,

no one is Grumpy, and everyone is Happy." Partygoers were carried by vintage cars decorated with orchids. and violet and yellow balloons adorned Sleeping Beauty Castle, filled with folk dancers and jugglers

UN force gets the go ahead

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Security Council yesterday launched the largest UN peacekeeping operation, sending 22,000 personnel to organise elections in Cambo-dia by May 1993. The 15nation council voted unanimously to approve the creation of the UN transitionl authority in Cambodia (Untac) despite concern about its estimated \$1.9 billion (£1.1 billion) cost. Under the terms of the

peace accord on Cambodia, reached in Paris last October, Untac will virtually take over running of the country after 13 years of civil war between the Vietnamese-backed government and the three-party guerrilla coalition. United Nations personnel will dis-arm government and rebel troops, oversee key ministries. monitor human rights and

organise elections.

A 15,900-strong peace-keeping force equipped with 26 helicopters, 10 planes and 30 boats is to be deployed in the country by the end of May. By September, the force is to move 450,000 government troops and guerrillas into special areas. More than 2,400 UN officials will fan out across the country to reg-

Somalia battles greet mediators

FROM DAVID CHAZAN IN MOGADISHU

FIGHTING raged in Megadishu yesterday, the day before United Nations mediators were due to arrive in a renewed effort to arrange a ceasefire. Sporadic shelling and gunfire continued, while 4.5 million Somalis are threatened by famine, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

At least 20,000 people. mostly civilians, have been killed or wounded in four months of fighting between the interim president, Air Mahdi Muhammad, and General Muhammad Farrah

General Aidid's forces loosely control about threequarters of Mogadishu. Netther side seems able to win a decisive victory and civilians are still being killed by indiscriminate artillery barrages and smail-arms battles in the once beautiful city of Arab and Italian colonial vilias on the Indian Ocean coast.

Lawles ness is rife throughout Somalia's arid scrublands. The east African country has disintegrated into warring feudal fieldoms since its former ruler, Muhammad Siad Barre, was ousted in January last year. Mr Siad Barre still has thousands of well-armed

fighters, several hundred of

whom are reportedly less than 125 miles west of Mogadishu. His son-in-law, Muhammad Said Morgan, took control of the spathern port of Kismayo this month, raising fears that Stad Barro loyalists could launch a two-pronged offensive on the capital

A 20-member team of mediators from the United Nations, the Islamic Conference. the Organisation of African



Unity and the Arab League were due to fiv into Mogadishu today. But observers exped the same kind of upsurge in fighting which has accom-

panied previous missions. Earlier this month representatives of the two factions agreed in New York to an immediate iruce and promised to sign a formal ceasefire before the end of this month. but the fighting has intensified (AFP)

Homesteads fear Harare land bill

A bill tabled this week, which provides for compulsory acquisition of farms, threatens to deprive whites of their livelihoods, Jan Raath reports

FROM the front porch of acres of "designated land" is part of about two million stead, you can see the "designated" land where the government wants to resettle peasant farmers. It stretches to the north as far as the smooth granite hills beyond the Marodzi river.

The landscape on both sides of the river is a pleasing carpet of green crops, occasionally broken by wooded kopjes. But on one side of the river, the farmerowners have no right to sell their property or remove as-sets because the govern-ment has set the "desig-nated" land aside for compulsory purchase to re-settle the peasant under the terms of the land acqui-sition bill tabled in parliament on Thursday.

The area about 50 miles north of Harare is one of



Mugabe: pursuing his revolutionary zeal

the most productive farming belts in Zimbabwe. The only exception to the sense of abundance is a farm owned by Joseph M'sika, the chairman of the ruling Zanu party, that has fallen into dereliction, despite generous loans from the government

The owners of the 30-odd "designated" farms on the other side side of the Marodzi will have no right to expect fair compensation for the seizure of their land, which can be paid off by the new owners gradually with government bonds. Farmers will not be permit-ted to contest unfair compensation payments.

"I've missed designation so far, but it could easily be me next year," Mr King, aged 44, said. The 36,750

acres planned as the first phase of about 13.5 million acres to be seized for the "revolutionary land re-form" that President Mugabe has authorised.

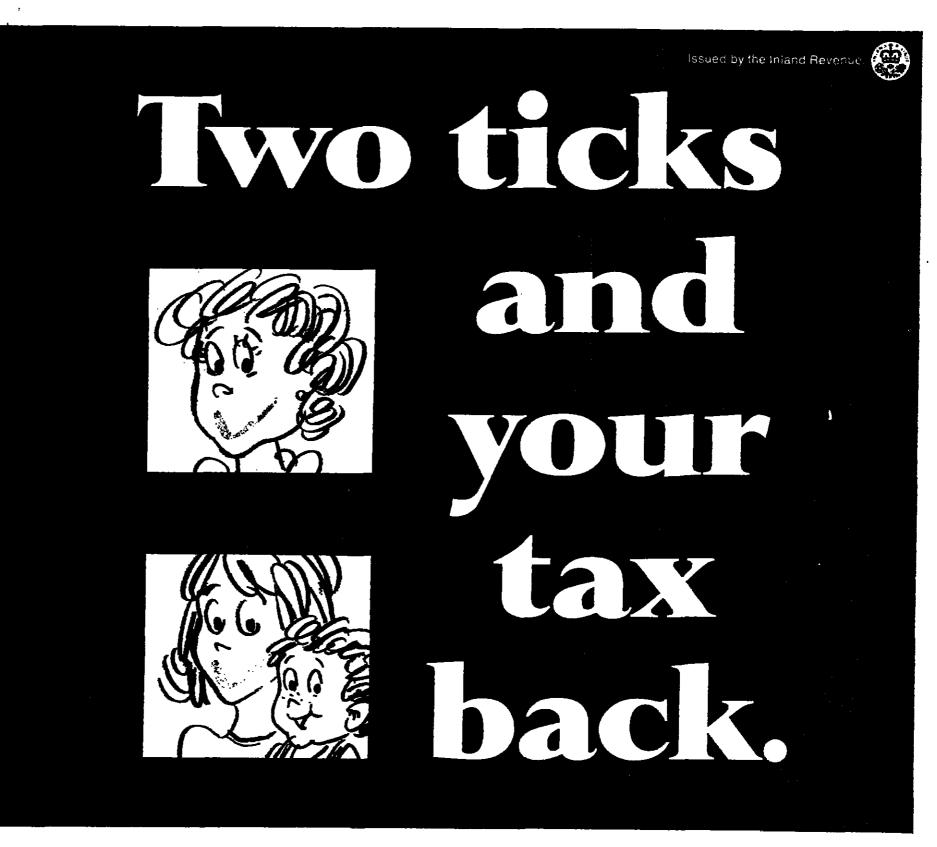
Mr King's roots to the land go back to the grand-mother who arrived a century ago as an infant in the back of an ox-wagon. His father bought the 700 acres of virgin bush in 1951. Now it is split up into 208 acres of maize, 98 acres of soya beans, 183 acres of winter wheat, pasture for 100 dairy cows and a small area for irrigated french beans and field flowers which are exported to Europe, as well as buildings

for the 400 workers. "We are getting closer to the reality of it," he said, glancing towards where 9,000 farmers and workers have been thrown into despondency by the govern-ment's designation act. "I keep saying, well, I don't think it's really going to happen. It's so much more than a businessman having a factory nationalised. It's losing your home, your live-lihood, your life." But the fear really lies in President Mugabe's determination to avoid paying market prices for land and replacement values for assets. That would deprive farmers of any chance of starting anew

elsewhere.
"I believe the govern-ment has other motives in this land issue," Mr King said. "It goes back to the war. The stubborness of white farmers who sat it out and wouldn't budge still irritates people in government."

Even if parliament passes the bill, its imple-mentation is likely to be threatened by a barrage of condemnation at home and abroad. Mr King also points to the government's poor record in putting "rad-ical" policies into action. However, he continues to

draw hope from Mr Mugabe's surprisingly candid assurance to whites soon after coming to power in 1980: "Judge us by what we do, and not by what we



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UN keeps open all options as Iraq stalls on missiles

FROM PETER JAMES SPIELMANN IN NEW YORK

THE UN Security Council yesterday called on Iraq to comply with plans to begin the destruction of its ballistic missile plants, but did not spell out possible consequences of Iraqi defiance.

Thomas Pickering, the council president and American ambassador to the UN, disclosed that Iraq had sought a 24-hour delay in the destruction operation, but did not use the word "deadline". He said that the security council was likely to hold closed consultations yesterday once the 24-hour postponement period had lapsed.

Rolf Ekeus, the chairman of the UN commission charged with eliminating Iraq's weapons of mass de-struction, said that if Iraq had not allowed the destruction operation to begin yesterday, the team would be withdrawn. The council has demanded that Iraq comply fully with weapons inspection and destruction and warned of unspecified "serious consequences" for failure to do so.

Iraq "clearly is moving in a mode to challenge the sec-urity council resolutions," Mr Pickering, this month's president of the 15-nation council, said. Asked whether the council would consider military action against Iraq, Mr Pickering said that "no option is foreclosed, and no option is

decided on".

He said that he had already "expressed the council's deep concern and consternation to Samir al-Nima, the second-most senior official at Iraq's UN mission. "The Iraqis are stalling on a com-mitment to destroy certain ballistic missiles," he added. Iraq has balked at the UN resolutions, accusing America of using the world body to destroy Iraq's modern industries, many of which have

Officials said they had received no communication from Baghdad by yesterday

morning on whether destruction of the weapons had begun. The council filed a protest on Thursday after the chief UN weapons inspector reported that Iraq had refused to comply with resolu-tions demanding the destruction of its weapons of mass destruction.

A year after the Gulf war ended last February 28, Saudi Arabia's wartime commander said in an interview that the kingdom had planned to hit Iraq with its own long-range missiles during the war but that King Fand had stopped the attack.

"I remember once that I issued orders to prepare the Sultan, who commanded the Arab forces within the USdominated coalition, told the United Arab Emirates newspaper, al-Ittihad. "We only needed the order to launch them," he said. (AP)

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the communist party, march is of Bethlehem University in the West Bank

Israeli slogans. The demonstration yesterday came as the fourth round of the Middle East peace talks got underway in Washing-

nese soldier, shot by an army patrol in its self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon (Richard Beeston writes). The soldier was suspected of being a guerril-la. The incident was the first key

area after last week's clashes between Israeli troops and Lebanese guerrillas belonging to Hezbollah, the fundamentalist

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rival rabbi's wrath

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

EVEN jaded Israeli voters, accustomed to the vagaries of their political system, were surprised this week by two nonagenarian rabbis, whose ultra-orthodox parties could hold the balance of power after this summer's elections. engaged in an unseemly verbal exchange over allegations that one believes he is a 'Messiah" While other Israeli leaders

began the usual bout of preelection attacks on their rivals, few accusations matched that of Rabbi Eliezer Schach, aged 95, the spiritual leader of two key political parties in the Knesset, who said that his long-time adversary, Rabbi Menachem Scheerson, aged 90, the spiritual head of a third party, should be excommunicated for presenting himself as a "false Messiah".

Ultra-orthodox voters account for 10 per cent of the Knesset, enough to make or

leged position in politics.

However, plans to maintain their alliance for the next general election on June 23 have been set back by Rabbi Schach's outburst against Rabbi Schneerson, the leader of the powerful Lubavitcher movement based in Brooklyn, which has recently stepped up its campaign telling its followers to "prepare for the coming of the Messiah" and the redemption of world Jewry. The Messianic advertising cam-paign could be dismissed as over-enthusiasm, were it not for the fact that many of Rabbi Schneerson's adoring followers publicly proclaim him to be the Messiah, a conviction he has never at-

His supporters argue that he is of the correct lineage to be the Messiah, he has the right religious credentials, and like the Messiah he has never visited the Jewish state. Suspicions that he is planning to visit Israel and "re-veal" himself were increased last week when it was announced that work had begun on the construction of his house in the Lubavitcher community of Kfar Chabad, outside Tel Aviv.

The rabbi has repeatedly said that, when he comes to Israel, it will be together with the Messiah," said a spokesman for the community.

Rabbi Schach, the most influential rabbi in Israel, did not wait long to dismiss the ed on Wednesday: "The Jewish people have experienced enough false Messiahs and this could lead to apostasy. A real Messiah does not need advertisements or petitions. ... If I had the power, I would

have him excommunicated." Fearing that the rabbinical Arye Deri, the Israeli interior minister, urged both sides to leave the Messiah out of Is-raeli politics.



Schneerson: has never visited the Jewish state

Scientists tackle riddle of Sphinx

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE first international conference devoted to the great archaeological riddle 4,600-year old Sphinx pens today in the shadow of the pyramids at Giza, themselves also threatened

with alarming decay. Scientists from America, France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland and Canada will attend the four-day gathering which is designed to evaluare two years of plastic surgery on the Sphinx's limestone body and paws and to recommend further

For much of its life, the half-man, half-lion was buried up to its neck in sand rigours of the outside world. Since being uncovered, it has fallen prey to wind, water and a number of botched attempts to save it.

Probably one of the most damaging efforts to restore the figure carved from 50 nillion-year-old rock occurred 20 years ago, when hopeful scientists injected a

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logical chemist, said: "It is not just an old building that you are going to refurbish and renovate. Basically, you are dealing with a lousy rock that has been a lousy

rock forever. "How can I judge?" asks Zahi Hawass, director of the Giza plateau area. "Everyone keeps coming up with proposals. I am in a critical position because I cannot test things out on the Sphinx. I must have accurate data before I work on

Mr Hawass, the man who called the the conference. added: "The world has to participate in the restoration of the Sphinx. Everything to do with it and its surroundings will be dishave clear data on it, collected over the past two years." • Delhi: The Indian govdustries round the 400. white dome is yellowing



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Clifford Longley

Whatever happened to the church v state battle?

recording angel contemplating the present state of civilisation might conclude that the spontaneous combustion of communism last year is about to be followed by the self-destruction of capitalism now. The flow of bad news about recession, unemployment, bankruptcy and fraud in the so-called freemarket economies of the West awaits in vain some countering flood of good news.

But said angel, whose duties are bound to include slanting his reports according to the priorities of his readership, will be looking in vain for anything much in the way of a religious angle. During the high days of radical new-right Toryism, his readers would have been regaled with stirring news of the conflict between that new secular faith and the faith which was old (and by law established). The Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of Durham were among the warlords of that ideological decade, and Faith in the City was one of their famous battlefields.

So the possible imminent demise of their opponents must surely hand these prince bishops the final victory. But it is not likely to be so, the angel will have to record. For some reason not immediately apparent, the present plight of the economy and the government seems to have nothing to do with those trenchant exchanges of the 1980s between church and state. Thatcher v Runcie, or whatever label best served. Those debates seem now distant and irrelevant.

n the course of the encounter, all sides realised that the Church of England had become too ideologically attached to the consensus politics and economics of 1940-79. On the government's side there came also the growing realisation that things the church thought self-evidently right and the government thought self-evidently wrong were also regarded as right by a majority of voters. There was, after all, such a thing as society; no individual was merely a lonely atom of economic activity. Value could be found in the collective conciliatory spirit; endless confrontation turned the voters off, and, ultimately, Mrs Thatcher out.

The Church of England played a modest part in that outcome, not by anything it said or did at the end, but by continuing to uphold throughout the decade, however fuzzily, certain soft (known to Thatcherism as "wer") collective attitudes. There never was a cultural revolution in favour of individual enterprise in wealth creation, much though the government wanted to believe in it, and indeed, cleared the decks for it.

This is where the critique of government economic policy and ideology by the church should have drilled deeply but hardly scratched the surface. The church spent the 1980s avoiding coming to terms with the necessity of wealth creation, preoccupied as it was with the subordinate issue of wealth distribution. Having never explored what wealth creation meant, however, the church was never able to spot the difference between wealth creation and wealth manipulation (the zero-sum no-value-added processes of buying, borrowing, lending and selling). which is where fortunes in the 1980s were characteristically made (and, in the end, lost).

lthough it had the theoretical base to do so, Thatcherism never succeeded in estab-lishing a moral distinction between various forms of wealth, nor in giving primacy to wealth which is freshly created, industrial wealth. The industrialist is worthier than the financier; indeed the financier's only worth is the service he can give to the industrialist. Both Thatcherism and Christianity ought to have learnt to say as much, at least by the end of the 1980s. But neither did so, Thatcherism because it persisted in the belief that all wealth was equally good (even wealth merely creamed off from somebody else's creative effort). Christianity because it could not shake the prejudice that all wealth was equally bad, the possession of riches being threatening (it

was assumed) to personal salvation.

A bit of Old Testament teaching on wealth, and the goodness of its creation as a continuation by man of God's creation of the universe, might have brought church and government into real dialogue in time to address the economic es which started to go wrong in the late 1980s. Ironically, Mrs Thatcher was surrounded by economist advisers who were said also to be Biblical and Evangelical Christians. It will be the recording angel's business to ask in which capacity they failed her more. By telling that her economics is a blind, autonomous, amoral activity, he will have to answer that they failed her as Christians.

daughter.

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ever forgot it.

vote in the forthcoming election

Julius Caesar is responsible

Caroline Moore, aged nine, ponders the mythology and magic surrounding February 29

nce every four years or so, with the regularity of the Disabled Olympics, Confessions of a bissextile the editors of newspapers press

me for anecdotes about what it is like to live with abnormality. Of course, I have never known anyfor my innocent but spurious sense of self-importance. As a thing else. I was born two weeks prematurely, with a sprinkling tidy-minded legislator, he was faced with the awkward fact that of hair upon my shoulders and the astronomical year — the time it takes the Earth to go ears: but there were no obvious signs that, by some teratological round the sun — is approximately 3654 days. When Caesar came to power, the Roman calmischance - at odds of approximately 1.460 to 1 - my mother had given birth to a bissextile came to power, the Roman carendar was only 355 days, so Roman festivals were perpetually slipping out of step with the seasons they should celebrate. Caesar had to start by making up a discrepancy of about three months between the civic and As a minority, we have not received much official attention, but in 1974, after questions by the Labour MP for Dudley East, the Home Office spent four days deliberating our legal status. On February 15, it was decided that I and up to 2,500 fellow-sufferers would not be allowed to solar years, and proclaimed that 46 BC would have 445 BC would have 445 BC would have 445 Ays. Our modern, Julian calendar

BC, the first year to consist of This, I fear, is the extent of my 365 days. And Caesar also intropersecution by the authorities: otherwise, being a leap-year baby was nothing but a boon. As duced the leap year - at first, by mistake, every three years - to make up those extra quarters.

This nearly solved the prob-lem, but not quite. The astro-nomical year is not precisely a child, when birthdays were at the passionately anticipated crown of the year, a leap birthday was a glory, jest and riddle, properly appreciated by my con-temporaries. And no godparent 365 days in fact, it is more like 365.2422. The Julian year in practice was 11 minutes 14

seconds longer than the solar

one, so that the seasons then

then began on January 1, 45



Watch out chaps: a rare leap-year card from 1908

became fractionally earlier each year. By 1582, the accumulated difference made up ten days, and Pope Gregory XIII under-took further adjustments. He dropped the surplus ten days from 1582, and decreed that in future three intercalary days must be dropped every four

every centurial year has a lean day only if it is divisible by 400 rather than the usual four thus 1900 was not a leap year, but 2000 will be. Britain, of course, showed a

sturdy resistance to all things foreign, and particularly all things popish, and refused to subscribe to the Gregorian cal-

endar for nearly two hundred years. By that time, the gap had widened still further, and in 1751, Chesterfield's Act had to order that II days be dropped from September 1752. Riots ensued, whipped by the soul-stirring cry of "Give us back our eleven days!"

Even this arrangement is not perfect. Another adjustment is due in 5100 apparently, when an extra leap-day will be needed. Nowadays, however, the thought of an extra birthday is mysteriously less potent than of old, although my birthday parties do of course offer an opportunity for that good old custom of female proposals. In Scotland, this used to be a tradition with teeth, enforced by a law of 1288, which stated that

during the rein of hir maist blissit Mageste, for ilke yeare known as lepe yeare, ilk mayden ladye...shal hae liberte to bespeke ye man she like, albeit he refuses to taik hir to be his lawful wafe he chall be multied in ye wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum of ane pundis . . .

In England, the bashful or horrified swain escaped the rig-

ours of the law, but by tradition had to give a silk gown as the price of refusal. In the early stages, presumably, one pound might have covered the cost of the 13th-century equivalent of a Bellville Sassoon creation.

Sadly, my birth brings no special privileges here, such as a plenary year of proposals. In fact, my husband's birthday offers far greater practical advantages: he was born on Hallowe'en, which bestows spe-cial powers of commination. Cosmo Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1928 to 1942, used his Hallowe'en powers to remove architectural eyesores. He cursed a hideous red terracotta hydropathic hotel which was ruining a favourite loch; it burnt down, was rebuilt in yellow, re-cursed, and burnt yellow, re-cursed, and burnt down again. He was then asked to curse an East window by an incumbent suffering from its "unexampled ugliness": the window duly imploded the following Sunday.

Meanwhile, for year-round subversion of gender, I have to fall back on my status as the

fall back on my status as the mother of twins (born on April Fool's Day). In Angola, this would enable me to speak in councils, swear, and insult men with impunity. Who could ask

Venice behind closed doors

John Julius Norwich wonders if a decision to close most of the city's churches to protect their art treasures will be enforced

with dismay this week that because of a wave of art thefts and a cutback in financing to pay watchmen, most of the city's churches will be locked up from April and opened only once a day for Mass.

But then some of us thought a bit. What was this "wave of art thefts"? In the quarter of a century I have been involved with Venice, I can remember only one successful theft of a major work of art from a Venetian church: the Giovanni Bellini triptych from SS Giovanni e Paolo, which was recovered undamaged soon afterwards.

An attempt on another Bel-lini, in the Madonna dell' Orto, failed when the thieves found themselves unable to wrench it from its frame. It was found the next morning split down the middle but still mercifully in situ. Both these incidents occurred, as far as I remember, at least 15 years ago; since then, nothing.

And what, secondly, was the "cutback in financing"? There has been no cutback, simply because there has never been any financing. In recent years, few if any Venetian churches have been able to afford enough sacristans, which is why the vast majority are closed from noon until four or five in the afternoon. In this respect at least, the situation today is no different

from what it has been for years. What, finally, is this "decision", and who has taken it? Father Aldo Marangoni, who is quoted as saying categorically — and, it seemed to me, rather

petulantly — that "this year tourists will find the churches shut", is not, as suggested, "responsible for church buildings in Venice": nor, come to that, is anyone else. The two most important churches from the tourist's point of view — St Mark's and the Frari — are open for most of every day (the latter understandably takes a short break for lunch) and will, I have

no doubt, remain so.

As for the parish churches, these open and close at the discretion of the parish priest. In the past, the only seriously inaccessible churches have been those - such as S Sebastiano with its dazzling Veroneses - which are not (though heaven knows why) considered three-star tourist sites and are not parochial either; and even these have been penetrable with a little patience. Have all the parish priests really got together and decided to close their doors? And, if so, why? They would have, it must be

said, a sort of a case. Mass tourism does complicate their lives, and tourists - even the more serious-minded and responsible ones - seldom drop anything in the collection box unless they are asked to do so. It would not, therefore, be entirely incomprehensible if some of the less imaginative priests were to take the easy way out and bar them altogether. On the other hand, it would be extremely short-sighted. After all, it is not only the tourists who would suffer. Many parishioners like to drop in when passing - it is seldom that one goes into any Venetian church and finds it



Detail of the Bellini triptych stolen from SS Giovanni e Paolo and recovered undamaged

entirely empty — and no church is going to retain its local affections and loyalties for long if it is only open for Mass. Besides, the tourists are a potential source of income which the churches can ill afford to neglect. No one seems to resent the 500 lire - less than 25p which they pay to enter the Frari

(bona fide worshippers still get in free), nor do they demur when the polite lady at Santa Maria dei Miracoli smilingly suggests a small donation as they leave. Why do not more of the other churches follow suit?

There are other possibilities also. Nearly every Venetian church boasts half a dozen or

more pictures of a standard that would do credit to any major art gallery, most of them hanging in sepulchral darkness. Perhaps one in a hundred is equipped with a slot-machine taking 500 lire pieces and providing per-haps two minutes of first-rate illumination. Why aren't the rest

so equipped? The price, com-

electricity, represents an astronomical mark-up, and quite right too. Nobody complains, and the church makes a tidy little profit (How one wishes that English parish churches would do the same — not, heaven knows, for their pictures, but for the overall lighting of the building — pointing out the switches rather than concealing them, and then making a similar profit by similar means.)

But to return to this mysterious "decision": speaking for myself, I shall still need to be persuaded. On my next visit to Venice, in a couple of months' time, I confidently expect to find the churches as open as they have ever been. If, on the contrary, I am confronted on every side by doors bolted and barred, I shall be disappointed but not unduly disheartened. In Italy, such a state of affairs could

remember how, a year or two ago, the Italian government decreed that evey butcher in the country should, for reasons of hygiene, wear a little white hat. For about three weeks every butcher in the country did so; then the little white hats all disappeared overnight, and haven't been seen since. That is one of the great strengths of the Italians: they may make ridiculous laws don't we all? - but once the ridiculousness becomes apparent they simply ignore them. It will be the same, I feel sure, with the churches of Venice - in the unlikely event of the "decision" ever being implemented in the first place.

So if you're planning a visit, don't dream of cancelling it, and when you get there, you find the churches are shut as Father Marangoni claims they will be, I will eat a little white butcher's hat - if I can find one.

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...and moreover

Those of us who live in marginal constituencies have just received a per-sonalised letter from the prime minister. Very handsome it is too, with our names and addresses neatly typed in above the stock text, and his name signed at the bottom in blueish green ink, or at the very least copied by a superior photocopy-

ing machine.
The least one could do was read it, instead of doing what one normally does to unsolicited junk mail from strangers. It gives one a shock. Not the message, which is, as one would expect in the circumstances, a plea to vote Conservative. What are shocking are the solecisms. The letter reads as though it were composed by an energetic foreign student in his first year at Ealing. It is clearly not the work of the prime minister himself. He has more important things to do than compose electioneering circulars; and he has a good plain English style, enviably unaffected in extem-porary speech. But he must have approved the letter. Nobody expects politicians these days to write like Churchill, or Gladstone, or Burke. But it is shocking to spend so much time and effort on a mailshot, posh crested paper, stuffing letters into envelopes, and postage, and then to pay so little attention to the language. The lingo of politicians is debased. It always has been. They write and say too much too fast without stopping to think. But this letter treats the English language, and

hence the voters who receive the letter, with contempt.
So, Dear Mr Major, thanks

tons for yours. But please pass on to the PR persons who compose this rubbish some elementary precepts, as from a weary English teacher to the bad boys

at the back of Remove.

I know that cliche is the element in which politicians (and journalists) operate. But why does every decision have to be crucial? Why must the country be both strike-torn and inflation-ridden? Why must we have these tired phrases, which float across the mind without causing a ripple? If your people could think of an original epithet, we might sit up and pay attention. You say you have put Britain on course for steady and sustained growth. The meta-phor of the ship of state goes back to Alcaeus at least. But the trope is something musty. Alliteration is a good old English device. But steady and sustained make a doublet that go together like Milton (or even John Maynard) and Keynes. Distinguish and define the difference for me, pray, between steady and sustained. The words are part of the political jargon and are permanently linked. You would have caught my attention rather than my irritation if you had written stout and stable. I have heard "steady and sustained growth" so often from politicians lips (never in prac-tice from their performance) that they act as a substantial and solid soporific.
You write that you have

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turned round (fashionable cli ché) the poor old country and given it a new pride in the world. This is a gorilla idiom, which does not say what it means. Does the country take pride in the world, or the world in the country? "We will never achieve that if we hit in the pockets [cliché] all those who look to [look at or towards, watch, take care of, depend on for, eh?] get on in life." Something wrong with this idiom, prime minister. "It is simply [as opposed to complicatedly?] dishonest to make hosts of spending pladors. make hosts of spending pledges while pretending that they would not cost anything." Those hosts sent me off down the wrong track. Host in this sense is an Old Testament word for an army of Midianites or, possibly, by transference, socialists. I was tripped up by it, not expecting to bump into an old-fashioned army in such grey party-pol-itical-speak, and took them to be the kind of hosts who have guests or keep inns. So I had to go back to the beginning, and read the sentence again. If you are trying to get us to read to the end of unsolicited letters, you should make them easy, and if possible a pleasure, to read. We have other things to do.

Almost immediately you do it again. "New ideas in training are set to" do something or other. I took that "set" to be the verb that is used to set extra work for idle students, not the jargon idiom for on course, as in the ship of state. I would vote for a party that treated English with respect, if I could find one.

Roses are red, **Tories are blue**

THE Labour party added a new and unexpected weapon to its pol-itical armoury last night a poem by the Liverpool poet Adrian Henri — a lifelong Labour supporter - which portrays the Tory period in power as "ice stamped into crazy paving round polluted streams".

Yesterday, at the eve-ofconference meeting of the Welsh Labour party in Swansea, Neil Kinnock gave the debut reading of the 17-line poem, entitled "Winter Ending" but already known as The Walworth Road Ode.

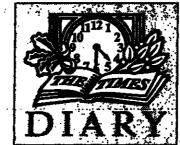
Henri sent his poem last December to Neil Kinnock, who immediately decided to incorporate it into his Swansea speech. The first half uses such images as 'peeling waiting rooms" and "polluted streams" as metaphors for Tory rule, and begins with a quotation from T.S. Eliot's Journey of the Magi: "A cold coming we had of it".

The second half, quoted by Kinnock, heralds a rosy Labour Factories open like daffodils.

trains flex rheumatic joints, computer-screens blink on in the sudden daylight. As the last cardboard boxes are swept away beneath bus.

the cold blue landscape of winter suddenly alive with bright red roses.

Whether voters will be chanting "Winter Ending" when they go to the polls remains to be seen. So far. Henri's fellow poets are reserving judgment. Former president of the Poetry Society Dannie Abse, a friend of Henri, is reticent: "Let's just say that all modern poets are. subversive. In medieval days they wrote praising their lords. Now they undermine them."



• When London's railway screeches to a halt, as it did after yesterday's bomb attack at London Bridge station, it is every peer for himself. Lord Carver was turfed off his train at Clapham Junction on his way to a press conference at the Lords. After attempting to find various other forms of transport, and failing, he dashed out of the station and began hitching. Finally he flagged down an ancient automobile and instructed the bemused owner to take him to parliament. The driver complied without demur.

Daughters' delight

THIS EVENING sees the first ever Fathers and Daughters dinner at the Garrick Club - a cunning ruse, say members, to prevent wayward daughters using the leap year tradition to make marriage proposals to unsuitable suitors. Eighty members are bringing a

total of 115 daughters, and the guest of honour is the actor Joss Ackland whose birthday falls today. He will be escorting all of his five daughters to the E30-a-head dinner, as well as his wife. Rosemary, who will be the only wife

Ackland (born 1928) plans to propose a toast to the girls". He insists he is not keeping his daugh-ters away from potential hus-duced price.

bands. "Nothing could make me happier if they proposed to some-one. Only three of the five have been married, and one is divorced. Not only is it my 16th birthday. but I'm just about to have my 16th grandchild too," he says.

Bullish selling

A WEST COUNTRY farmer, Peter Wiltshire, has come up with the perfect contraption for ageing or insecure live-stock: the cow zimmer-frame. The frame, scaffolding on wheels with a large sling underneath, is designed for unfortunate beasts who fall over.

Although the prototype is currently for bovine use only, one distinguished "oldie" has called for it



to be adapted for humans. Richard Ingrams, the maturing former editor of Private Eye who is keeping himself busy as editor of The Oldie, says: "The frame would sell excellently among my readers. It really would help me in my advancing age. I can also think of many chums who would find it useful after a night's drinking." Mr Wiltshire says he is willing to design one for ingrams at a re-

Pym and him

WHEN the literary career of novelist Barbara Pym ground to an alarmingly premature halt in the early 1960s, she turned to Philip Larkin for support. He confronted her publisher, Tom Maschler of Jonathan Cape, and Charles Monteith, then chairman of Faber, who now says: "I thought her work wasn't good enough. I now know

that I was wrong."

Larkin's support for Pyrn, which eventually led to her being published again by Macmillan, will be highlighted this autumn in his collected letters added him. lected letters, edited by Anthony Thwaite. He says: "Larkin really admired Pym's novels before she went into the wilderness, and he wrote to her asking if he could review her work. She wrote back saying she'd just written a novel, and sent it to him. When it was rejec-ted. Larkin cheered her up.

Clearly it is vital for aspiring novelists to maintain good relations with their poetic brethren: writers experiencing difficulties with publishers may like to contact Adrian Henri, c/o the Labour party. Walworth Road.

• The furore over the ordination of women priests has left Anglicans literally praying for spiritual guidance. At Matins on Wednesday, the Westminister congregation will for the first time hear a special prayer for divine inspira-tion on this controversial issue. Composed by the Abbey's chap-lain, Rev Paul Ferguson, the prayer will be recited every day from the beginning of Lent until Nov-ember, when the General Synod votes on the matter. The prayer seems to have united the warring camps, with both the Movement for the Ordination of Women, and Women against the Ordination of Women expressing enthu-siasm for the Abbey's plan.



THE MOTHER OF FUDGES

Giving deadlines to President Saddam Hussein is a mug's game. Whenever he does consent to grant UN inspectors access to his nuclear laboratories or weapons plants, he does so with such churlishness that they cannot be sure he means it. When he prevaricates, he humiliates and he knows it. He has no prospect of respect or credibility, nothing to lose. He thumbs his nose at the world and tells it to do its worst.

The UN Security Council has ordered Saddam to destroy his factories making Scud missiles. But the only pressure the United Nations can apply on him is to threaten that its inspectors will leave Baghdad in a huff. They would then recommend to the security council that it continue sanctions indefinitely. It was a threat, but not much of one. Its weight depends entirely on how much Iraq wants sanctions lifted.

Iraq is sending a team to New York next month to petition the council to end the sanctions, saying that it has helped to locate and destroy ballistic, chemical and nuclear material. That petition will surely be rejected. Even if the destruction of the Scud factories is completed, Iraq's overall compliance with security council resolution 687 - mandating the destruction of Iraq's aggressive potential has been inadequate.

None the less Iraq would like to end its international isolation. It cannot be reached by air, sell its oil or import spares for its industrial infrastructure. But except against small undiversified economies, trade sanctions are a vastly overrated weapon. The evidence of Rhodesia, South Africa, Libya and Panama suggests that sanctions even strengthen an economy, enforcing importsubstitution and self-sufficiency.

Iraq's agriculture has prospered rapidly to fill the food gap. The country is not starving, although there is considerable hardship in the Kurdish north and Shia south, where the government has itself blockaded supplies. Saddam has chosen not to sell any oil at all rather than comply with the UN terms of sale which would hold some of the revenue in escrow to cover compensation to Kuwait and

UN relief operations in Iraq. Sanctions may embattle a country, but that does not mean they bring down its government, usually the reverse. In Panama the Americans had

eventually to send in troops.

The problem for the UN in Iraq is that sanctions are the last figleaf between it and admitting that Saddam has virtually won the postwar diplomatic battle. He knows that talk of a "punitive" military strike by the United States is only for show. Washington may hamfistedly encourage nervousness among the Iraqi generals and in the presidential bunker. But a gratuitous bombing campaign against Iraqi cities, would only win Saddam sympathy.

There are now only three outcomes in Iraq for a world that rashly declared the toppling of Saddam as a war aim additional to clearing him from Kuwait win, lose or fudge. The first cannot be achieved without Saddam's removal from office, which appears beyond the wit or will of the Americans or anybody else. A bungled attempt at assassination would merely boost him. Leaving him alone implies open recognition that he cannot be further pressured and must be treated as a leader with whom the world must once again deal. That is to lose. It is morally and politically repugnant to the Gulf war victors.

Between winning and losing is the option of muddying the waters, by bluff and fudge. The United Nations must at least appear to maintain pressure. The latest resolutions, 707 and 715, mandate an unprecedentedly intrusive inspection regime. They justify overflights, blockades and regular ground monitoring of Iraqi military activity. Saddam has shown that he can keep most of his country cowed for much of the time. But he still appears reluctant to defy the UN completely. Bit by bit, he has swallowed the bitter measures being taken to ensure that he cannot attack his neighbours again. Such measures might one day so exasperate Iraq's army to prompt a change of regime. But until then, the world can only hope. And fudge is infinitely better than surrender.

ART OF FIRST REFUSAL

When politicians meddle with markets, trouble always ensues. When meddling takes place under a European Community mantle, the trouble is usually chaotic. The affair of the vanishing Holbein, allegedly heralding the "destruction of Britain's art heritage", is a case in point. A veritable Louvre of British paintings is reportedly on its way to salerooms in advance of revised controls on art disposals. The government is duly urged to "do something".

First principles first: private property should not be confiscated, either literally or by value, unless the public interest strongly demands it. If it does, there should be due compensation. Tens of thousands of private houses are devalued because they are listed as historic. This devaluing is justified on grounds of historic continuity: they are in some sense "part of Britain". Compensation takes the form of repair grants and certain tax reliefs on bequests and maintenance funds.

Movable works of arts, pictures, books and sculpture, are different. Many were produced overseas. Most, such as works by Holbein, Canaletto and Rembrandt now treated as if part of Britain's history, are broadly European. The trade in works of art has long crossed national boundaries. Over centuries, some nations have been gainers, others losers. To erect an iron curtain round a particular national market is a denial of the cosmopolitanism of art, as well as a direct

invitation to smuggling. The "Waverley" system operated in Britain for 36 years was a valiant attempt to marry a desire by national curators to acquire private works coming onto the market with a reluctance to confiscate value from owners or to encourage smuggling. It laid down a pause after the market had fixed the value of a work so that a British museum could attempt to raise the price so fixed. In other words, the nation should have the opportunity to ponder the work's heritage status and to decide how badly it wanted to possess the work. On

the whole the system has coped well, often with some help from public funds, though the definition of "British heritage" has sometimes been eccentric (embracing Titian, Leonardo and Fabergé).

The EC and the paucity of museum purchase grants are together upsetting this system. The EC is pressing for a list of heritage items to be made subject to internal trade controls. This would be confiscatory unless huge compensation sums were payable. There is some evidence that hardpressed owners are considering quick sales to pre-empt such a listing, despite the arts minister implying in his letter to The Times today that only exceptional items would be included. The Spanish, in contrast, are reportedly planning to list for export control every pre-war work of art extant on Spain.

There is no justification for such additional market intervention in the case of paintings, by the EC or otherwise. Following the fiasco of the Woburn Canova last year, listing procedures should clearly be tightened for statuary and paintings which are integral to a listed historic house. Under historic buildings legislation they should be added to the list. In return, owners of such houses must, as the Historic Houses Association has said, be treated more generously for tax purposes. Policy should thus be aimed at

discouraging owners from selling art at all.

If they sell, the system should help British galleries to buy in the market place. Purchase grants for museums have certainly declined and this is a fair complaint against government. But public parsimony does not justify further market restriction. If home galleries cannot buy, it is not fair to deny foreigners the chance of acquiring works that the British themselves once bought on an international market. This is not just an offence against property but chauvinist and illiberal. Raphael, Poussin. Velasquez, even Constable, do not hold some irreplaceable key to British history. They painted for the world and the world is entitled to bid for them.

QUESTIONING WEATHER

The cliche that the weather is the only safe topic of conversation has been confirmed this week by a hail of letters to the editor. Everybody watches or listens to the weather forecast. Weather stations and zones are an unchanging poetic incantation at dawn and after midnight: North Utsire, South Utsire, Fisher, German Bight . . . Michael Fish, Ian MacGaskill and the other weather men and women have become celebrities.

Television likes its forecasters to have tweedy suits and jokey, unthreatening voices. in contradistinction to newsreaders who are meant to look and sound earnest. It has given its forecasters a moving toy-box of visual aids, scattering little orange balls, often partly covered with cloud and pierced with rain, like multicoloured confetti.

But to what effect? Correspondents to The Times have confessed that, while fascinated by the cold fronts and anticyclones, they do not understand or remember anything of what they are told with such high-tech ingenuity. Surveys suggest that British viewers have an abysmally low comprehension and recollection of the weather forecast. A psychologist writes that this is because of the complex and unpredictable structure of many forecasts, and the high speaking rate of forecasters. Old English weather folklore: when forecaster be explaining, viewers be

In the Seventies satellite photography encouraged meteorologists to try longerrange weather forecasts, but they turned out to be hopelessly unreliable. The development

of chaos theory - that storms in one part of the globe could be caused by a butterfly fluttering its wings in another - confirmed that this unreliability was systematic. Accurate forecasts could be made only a day or two ahead. And not always then: one evening the duty forecaster joked that a Frenchwoman had telephoned to say that a great hurricane was on its way to the south coast. After this storm had scythed through southern England, the Meteorological Office protested that it was in the business of scientific reporting, not vulgar prophecy.
Before Mr Fish and North Utsire, Britons

who wanted to know whether it was safe to go for a picnic or to cut a field of hay used to tap the barometer that hung in every hall. Before that they observed the behaviour of a dispirited bunch of seaweed dangling from a nail by the back door. Before that they consulted the weather proverbs in which English is so rich and so contradictory. A Briton announces which part of the country he comes from by whether he thinks a red sky in the morning is a warning for a shepherd or a sailor. (This misleading proverb derives from St Matthew's gospel, intended for a distant Levantine climate and audience.)

Weather and forecast are contradictory terms, like racing and certainty or executive and canteen. The only infallible weather prophecy in Britain is: prepare for the worst and you will not be disappointed. Absolute unpredictability is weather's defining virtue. Perhaps that is what our unintelligible forecasters are trying to say.

Eve of action plea Improved regulation of Lloyd's

Lloyd's is unsustainable.

A Lloyd's-administered arbitration

process was announced in May last

year, together with appropriate

conciliation arrangements for in-ternal commercial disputes. A bylaw to deal with open years and an in-

house insurance company to take

over their liabilities are already in

place. But the essence of the open-

year problem is uncertainty about

exposure to future claims on past

policies, where liability and the size of

court awards is unpredictable. Domestic arbitration at Lloyd's

On the conditions for Lloyd's

future commercial success, under-

writing for market share in the last

three years of depressed premium

rates and a statistically unprece-

dented number of catastrophe losses

would hardly have improved Lloyd's

financial position, rather the reverse.

More profitable underwriting is

plainly desirable, at Lloyd's as in the

Moreover, the need for even

greater professionalism and better

service to policy-holders, not least in

the payment of claims, has been recognised in the actions which

Whether the separation of regula-

tion from market support and direc-

rest of the insurance industry.

alone cannot resolve these matters.

on Twyford Down From the Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of Lloyd's From Professor Martin Biddle Sir, Mr Ian Hay Davison's letter of

Sir. We write as interested parties directly involved in the proposed M3 extension outside Winchester, work on which could start as early as this

Sunday.
As is well known, it will entail the destruction of an area of quite extraordinary conservation and archaeological value, including two sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs). two scheduled ancient monuments. and an area of outstanding natural

The UK government is currently the subject of legal action from the European Commission concerning the question of whether or not the UK has correctly transposed the EC directive on environmental impact assessment into UK legislation. A "reasoned opinion" from the Euro-pean Commission is expected during the next month; yet the Department of Transport is proceeding with the M3 extension before this matter is

Though many of us do not necessarily believe that the right route has been chosen, we acknowledge the strength of the argument for completing the M3 between Southampton and London. But the damage that will be done by the current route far outweighs the benefits to be derived from it.

There is a way of mitigating that damage: by agreeing to tunnel under rather than through Twyford Down along the same route. The Department of Transport has calculated that this would add an extra £85 million to the project costs, a large sum when seen as a proportion of the extension itself, but very small when set against the cost of the whole motorway.

Time after time we have heard from the Department of Transport that it aspires to reconcile its new road-building programme with the highest environmental standards. This decision, sadly amongst several others, gives the lie to that asoiration.

The prime minister has shown considerable personal interest in these matters, particularly in the runup to the important Earth Summit next June which he plans to attend. How will it be possible for him or any potential successor to urge the Brazilians and Malaysians to protect their rainforests, or African countries to protect their grasslands, or Indonesia to protect its mangrove swamps, when we ourselves are apparently incapable of protecting our own unique and treasured habi tats and landscapes?

From March 1 onwards, despite the continuing opposition of the government's own advisers in English Nature, the Department of Transport will assume a free hand to start the destruction of the River Itchen watermeadows SSSI, Before it is too late the government must put a halt to this desecration, and to demonstrate in practice that the government's claim to be the best protector of the environment has some validity in this most important

Yours sincerely, .
MARTIN BIDDLE
(President, Twyford Down Association), DAVID BELLAMY (Royal Society for Nature Conservation), DAVID CROKER (Twyford Down Association), ANDREW LEES -(Friends of the Earth) RICHARD MABEY. GEORGE MEDLEY (World Wide Fund for Nature), JONATHON PORRITT (Friends of the Earth). DEREK RATCLIFFE (Chief Scientist, Nature Conservancy Council, 1973-89), FIONA REYNOLDS (Council for the Protection of Rural England). MIRIAM ROTHSCHILD. WILLIAM WILKINSON (Chairman, Nature Conservancy Council, Twyford Down Association. The Old Farm House,

School dispute

Lower Preshaw Farm,

Upham, Hampshire.

From the Editor of Index on Censorship

February 29.

Sir, At the risk of heresy. I think there is something fundamentally, and socially, wrong with the cause of Messrs Ghulam Shaida and co. at Stratford School (report, February 25). The governors are in breach of basic rules of courtesy which require a respect for the customs and practices of a host, be that home, institution, or country.

At the root of the Asian governors' cause there appears to be an anempt to change social rules and religion by changing the nature of a school financed by all taxpayers and funded by the state - in a section of the country where they have made their homes

might appear hostile. No other society would accept the Stratford Asian governors' case, outside of a purely private school.

ing culture becomes part of the receiving culture is endless and each society adjusts the timing to its own abilities. And if it is to be argued that the British empire imposed its own culture in its colonies, well, two wrongs do not make a right. There is something unseemly and discourteous in the row at Stratford.

Yours sincerel Editor, Index on Censorship, 39c Highbury Place, N5.

Railway contrast From Mr Geoffrey Willetts

Sir. While staying with our son in a small Belgian town recently we had occasion to use the local rail service. The station had a restaurant, bookshop and a patisserie and trains ran on time. The booking office advertised excursions to Britain and informed us that tickets could be booked there to any station in

This week I went to Stafford station to enquire about facilities on

Europe.

European railways for the over 60s. They had no information, but said that at Stoke-on-Trent, a round trip of nearly 30 miles from my home, the travel centre there would no doubt be

Perhaps British Rail should look at the situation. After all, we are members of the European Community. Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY WILLETTS. 14 Hawkesmore Drive, Little Haywood, Staffordshire. tion is the way forward, as the task

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force proposed, is now being studied by a working party chaired by Sir Jeremy Morse, a nominated member of Council. Mr Hay Davison may be February 27 may seem like a charter for the future of Lloyd's. In fact, most right in implying that this is actually a matter of perception rather than reality. Clearly one of the issues is whether there continues to be at Lloyd's one wholly independent deputite the interest of the of his points are out of date because of continuous and rapid changes in the last six years. These include ter regulatory authority for the greater regulatory authority for the chief executive, the speedy implementation of 70 recommendations uty chairman and chief executive, an issue which was central to Mr Hay of an independent enquiry into our Davison's own resignation. regulatory arrangements, the institu-It is reassuring to see that, contrary

tion of independent syndicate loss re-views and the streamlining of claims to his remarks as reported in another newspaper, Mr Hay Davison is not and other business operations. "advocating the liquidation of Lloyd's". It would certainly be un-The composition of the Council of Lloyd's has altered significantly since 1986 when Mr Hay Davison rewise to do so. After three difficult trading years in the insurance in-dustry, for Lloyd's as for most of our signed. The members of Council who work in the market are outnumbered by those elected to represent the view of external Names together with the competitors in the western hemi-sphere, the Lloyd's policy is still backed by assets of about £18,000 nominated members who are individually people of eminence, with no financial interest in the Lloyd's million, and premium rates are rising. market, and are appointed with the

The regulatory and commercial developments of the last six years, approval of the Bank of England to represent the public interest. together with the implementation of The suggestion that the nominated the task force proposals, should, in members, to take only one component of the Council, are not fully my independent view, ensure that Lloyd's prospers for a great deal conscious of their obligations to longer than Mr Hay Davison fears. policy-holders and members of Yours faithfully.

ALAN LORD, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive, Lloyd's, I Lime Street, EC3. February 27.

From Mr M. A. Fisher

Sir. The letter from Mr Cazenove (February 27) seems to be yet another instance of a Lloyd's insider in his case "a member of the broking community" — pontificat-ing sanctimoniously about outsiders. It is noticeable that these gentlemen. from the chairman of Lloyd's downwards, seldom put any figures forward.

I am an outsider and the forecast results for 1989 for my six worst syndicates show losses of 750 per cent, 300 per cent, 250 per cent, 230 per cent, 230 per cent and 100 per cent, with the overall loss well in excess of 100 per cent. If Mr Cazenove can match these figures then I will accept his right to call me a "whinger". If not then I suggest that the dishonour to which he refers falls on his head not mine.

Yours faithfully, M. A. FISHER 35 Piccadilly, W1.

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India's human rights record is

becoming a matter of international

concern. It is suspected that India's

propaganda machine will attempt to

persuade Indians, at home and

abroad, that Britain signing an

extradition treaty (and a bilateral

agreement on the confiscation of

terrorist funds) demonstrates Brit-

ain's support for Indian policy in

agents in Britain will threaten those

of Indian origin with extradition and

of the Pope's organ, but it cannot be

truthfully described as the response

of the whole of the Catholic church.

should "submit to the supreme and

universal jurisdiction of the Pope". If we are speaking plainly, Anglicans could never accept such a jurisdic-tion with the Pope lording it over his

flock as many of his predecessors

have done. There is no sign of any

such jurisdiction in the New Tes

tament church. If the Catholic church accepted a restoration of the

New Testament pattern of apostolic

Sir, A few suggestions for flowers in

Chelsea's "psychic garden" (Mrs

Shaw's letter, February 25): deadly nightshade and enchanter's night-

shade, of course, and isn't there

something known as "Dead Men's

Fingers"? How about Asphodel, the

immortal flower of Greek Elysium;

or the rare Mariposa, which only

blooms by the light of the blue moon

and is, I believe, a certain cure for

lycanthropy; or wild garlic to keep

black magic (but only if it is pulled up

by a dog and chain, since the shriek it

utters when pulled from the earth freezes a man's heart to stone)?

Sir. Mrs Shaw should certainly look

out for a "Prophet Flower" (Arnebia pulchra) and also a "Sensitive Plant"

(Mimosa pudica). A "Mourning Widow" (Geranium phaeum) would

no doubt feel quite at home, maybe

Letters to the editor should carry a

daytime telephone number. They

(071) 782 5046.

may be sent to a fax number

And how about mandrake for

Floral insight

the vampires at bay?

Yours sincerely, LINDA J. PARKE,

Field View, Hawridge,

From Mr David I. Bruce

Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

From Mrs Linda J. Parke

Canon McNamara thinks that we

UK-India extradition

From Mr Max Madden, MP for Bradford West (Labour)

Lloyd's has already taken.

Sir, Why are Britain and India negotiating an extradition freaty? A Home Office official has admitted that an extradition treaty offers no formal advantages in extradition matters to India which it does not ıyasa. Comı country. We must assume, therefore, India sees some political advantage from having an extradition treaty with Britain.

Church 'superiority'

From Canon R. J. Harris Sir, I fear Mr Michael Murphy and Canon John McNamara (letters, February 13) must have been deeply unhappy when Pope John Paul and Archbishop Runcie prayed together in Canterbury Cathedral in 1982. How confusing for the faithful to see the Holy Father giving a joint blessing with a schismatic layman in

bishop's dress. To many Englishmen, however, it was a powerful and deeply moving symbol of a recognition of the Anglican Communion as in some sense a sister church and of a mutal desire to end 450 years of enmity and division. The gracious and deeply sensitive words of the Pope, who had clearly listened to the English Catholic hierarchy, made many Anglicans believe in the possibility of accepting a papal primacy of loving service. What has happened since? The

The British are too polite sometimes to make any comment that

The debate as to when the incom-

ANDREW GRAHAM-YOOLL,

February 25.

able to assist me.

February 28.

Review of art export methods

From the Minister for the Arts Sir, I have seen no evidence to suggest, as stated in your report today, that art works, whether by "Holbein, Canaletto, Rembrandt and Zoffany or others, have been "rushed" into the auction rooms because of the recent review of present arrangements conducted by the independent reviewing com-mittee on the export of works of art.

The review was commissioned by the government in response to the committee's own continuing and grave concern about the effectiveness of the Waverley system in retaining our heritage items in the country. I therefore asked them to examine whether that system could be im-proved and whether any alternative system to regulate export of works of art, such as listing, should be considered.

The committee would obviously prefer to see additional government funding to the tune of at least £15-20 million a year. But it recommended that if this funding was not available, it would be feasible to establish a list of very important items and that, given continued restraint on public spending, these items could be prohibited from export. Such a list would be highly selective and restricted to the really outstanding heritage items.

I have an open mind on these recommendations. I quite see the strengths of the arguments against listing: but it is reasonable and responsible that we should consider all of the available options when prices are rising so steeply for preeminent items. I must also challenge the comments of Graham Greene and Sir Hugh Leggatt. You report Mr Greene as saying that government is not addressing this problem: the review I have instituted patently

proves otherwise. Sir Hugh alleges that government cannot make up its mind on this important subject. I have asked for comments from interested parties by the end of March so that they could be taken into account before I take any decision: this is not procrastination. Sir Hugh does a disservice by distorting the objectives behind government consultations with those involved. This is not a sign of a tired government but of robust common

sense. Yours sincerely TIM RENTON. Office of Arts and Libraries, Horse Guards Road, SW1.

February 27. views which are unpopular with

It is wrong that a British government, in its dying days in office, should be signing treaties and agree-ments with India which have important political consequences. The negotiations should be halted: a new British government should decide

whether the negotiations resume.

There can be no doubt that Indian Yours sincerely, MAX MADDEN. House of Commons-February 25.

trouble if they promote political Anglican-Roman Catholic Interauthority, Anglicans could gladly accept a papal primacy of love and service as described by Hans Kung national Commission Final Report (ARCIC) was first submitted to the national Catholic hierarchies. The and the ARCIC report. Our Lord and St Peter himself describe how it English one approved it enthusiastically. So we read did many others. should be exercised. Yours sincerely, RAYMOND HARRIS. These responses have now been overruled. The present day apostles 2 Ferndale Road, Swindon, Wilshire. have been silenced. The Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the From Mr H. M. Stewart Faith has instead damned the report with faint praise. This is the response

Sir, May I remind Mr Murphy of the old story of the two missionaries, one Protestant, the other Roman Catholic, in a remote part of Africa. As they were the only Europeans within several hundred miles they used to meet occasionally and give each other a meal. "It is good that we should be friends", said the Protestant, "after all we each serve God in our own way". "Yes", replied the Roman Catholic, "you in your way, I in His". I have the honour to be. Sir.

H. M. STEWART, Maresfield, Beech Waye, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

in the shade of a "Full Moon Maple"

(Acer japonica).

She must, however, be careful to avoid the "Voodoo Lily" (Sauromatum venosum) unless armed with a protective sprig of the Good Luck plant (Cordyline fructicosa). I am, yours faithfully,

D. I. BRUCE, 59 Fishpool Street. St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs D. R. Day Sir, May I put in a plea for the shrinking violet? Yours faithfully

DIANA R. DAY. Pershore House, Defford Road, Pershore, Worcestershire.

From Mrs Arnold Rakusen Sir, Mrs Shaw might have a fleeting encounter with Lysimachia ephem-erum, find a plethora of dead-nettles and an entire herbarium (Hortus siccus) in the Chelsea Psychic Garden.

Yours truly, PHILIPPA RAKUSEN. Ling Beeches, Ling Lane, Scarcroft, Thorner. Leeds, West Yorkshire.

From Mrs Belinda Hadden Sir. Dead ones? Faithfully, BELINDA HADDEN,

21 Rumbold Road, SW6.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 28: The Princess Royal, Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Naval Service, visited HMS Ark Royal at Portsmouth, and was received by Flag Officer Flotilia Three (Vice Admiral the Hon Sir Nicholas Hill-Norton) and the Commanding Officer (Captain N.E. Rankin, RN).

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE February 28: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Dis-course "Atomic Structures of Surfaces: Crystallography in a Two-Dimensional World" by Professor J.B. Pendry, FRS, at the Royal Institution, Albermarke Street,

Mr James Ogilvy is 28 today. Lady Rose Windsor is 12

Royal engagements

Today Prince Edward, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend a reception for industrialists at Butlins Fun Coast World, Skegness, at 2.10 and will visit construction work on extending the sea wall at 2.35. He will visit the Richmond Caravan Park at 3.00 to view award activities featuring award candidates; will visit the East of England con-Sector at the Seacrost Hotel, Skegness, at 4.30; will return to the Richmond Caravan Park for a reception and entertainment for those involved in the award event

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the Benesh Institute, will attend a gala evening at St John's Smith Square at 7.30 in aid of the institute and the St John's Organ Appeal.

Appointments

Peter Jones, lately Chief Superintendent, Cheshire Con-stabulary, to be an Assistant Chief e, Hampshire Constabulary.

David Thursfield, lately Chief Superintendent, West Midlands Police, to be an Assistant Chief Constable, West Mercia Constabulary.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 28: Princess Alexandra this morning opened the Bernard Meade Wing at Kingston Hos-pital, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Cave, publisher, Rugby, 1692; Ann Lee, founder of the American Society of Shakers, Manchester, 1736; Giocchino Rossini, composer, Pesan Italu 1707; John Philip saro, Italy, 1792; John Philip Holland, pioneer of the sub-marine, Liscannor, co Clare, 1840.

DEATHS: John Whitgift, arch-bishop of Canterbury 1583-1604, London, 1604; E F Benson, writer, London, 1940.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Frederic Chopin, composer, Zelazowa Wola, Poland, 1810; Augustus Pugin, architect of the Gothic revival, London, 1812; Lytton Strachey, writer, London, 1880; Oskar Kokoschka, printer Bobbles Augustus 1986. painter, Pöchlam, Austria. 1886; Glen Miller, band leader, Clarinda, Indiana, 1904; David Niven, film actor, London, 1910; Robert Lowell, poet, Boston, Massachusetts, 1917.

DEATHS: Thomas Campion, musician and poet, London, 1620; George Grossmith, Savoyard, co-author of *The Diary of a Nobody*, London, 1912; Gabriele D'Annunzio, poet, dramants and nationalist, Lake Garda, Italy, 1938; Jackie Coogan, film actor, 1984.

DEATHS: Thomas Campion,

Today is the Festival of St David, the patron saint of Wales. The USSR's Venus III, launched November 16 1965, landed on



The Princess Royal meets Air Engineering Mechanic Liz Scarfield at work on the engine of the flight deck tractor of HMS Ark Royal. The princess visited the aircraft carrier in Portsmouth yesterday to see how 73 Wrens are integrating into the ship's company since arriving in November

Weekend birthdays

Leap Year birthdays Mr Joss Ackland, actor, 64; Mr Mario Andretti, racing driver, 52; Sir David Beattle, former governor-general, New Zealand, 68; Major the Hon John Bingham, 88; Shri Morarji Desai, former Prime Minister of India, 96; Barmess Duan, 52; Mr Alan Baroness Dunn, 52; Mr Alan Loveday, violinist, 64; Mt M.P.G. Wright, headmaster, Dover Coll-

Tomorrow

Mr Harry Belafone, singer and actor. 65; Mr David Broome, show jumper, 52; Mr Douglas Bunn, founder, All England Jumping Course, Hickstead, 64; Sir Robert Calderwood, chief executive, Strathclyde Regional Council, 60; Miss Florence Cal-Council, 60; Miss Florence Calvert, former principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 80; Mr Leslie Christie, trades unionist, 53; Mr Roger Daltrey, actor and rock singer, 48; Sir Keith Falkner, a vice-president. Royal College of Music, 92; Mr Andrew Faulds, MP and sever 60; Sir Marune MP and actor, 69; Sir Maurice Frames, former chairman, Davy-Ashmore- Group, 85; Sir Allan Green, QC, former Director of Public Prosecutions, 57; Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, 74; Sir Michael Kerr, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 71; Professor James Lister, paediatrician, 69; Commandant Dame Nancy Robertson, former director WRNS, 63; the Right Rev R.S. Taylor, former Archbishop of Cape Town, 83.

School news

Lichfield Cathedral School Celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of its foundation will be held on March 7 and 8, 1992. Former members wishing to receive details should contact.
The Headmaster, The Palace.

St Bede's Prep School,
Eastbourae
To celebrate the opening of the
"Matt" Sports Hall there will be a
performance of Elijah on Saturdsy, March 21, at 7.30pm. On urday, March 21, at 7.30pm. On Sunday, March 22, from 2.00pm - 6.00pm there will be a Multi-Activity Afternoon and on Monday, March 23, at noon "the Opening" will be performed by Mr Gavin Hastings, the British Lion and Scotland Fullback. Scholarship Examinations will be held on the first washend in May held on the first weekend in May. Full details of these are available

AMERICAN CHURCE IN LONDON, Tottezham Court Rd, WI: 9.45 Sunday School: 11 Worship, Eer R Allison. CITY TRAPLE, Holborn, ECI: 10.30 Rev T Houston. CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Boad, SW3: 11 HC, Rev M Braddy: 6 Mr D Richards...

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, WI: 11 Rev D Cruise: 6.30 Rev M Rothwell. Rev W Romwell

RENESHNOTON TEMPLE. (Charismatic)
Noting Hill Gate, w11: 9 Communion
W Lewis; 11: Celebration, W Lewis; 2:33
Baptism, G Lewis; 6:30 Healing Service
J Rywel-Davis; 9 Club Night. KENSINGTON URC. Alien Street, WS:

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), On ford St W1: 11 & 6.30 Major C Hunt ST ANDREWS URC. Prognal Lane NW3: Il Rev Dr P Morgan. ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St. EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr J Fullga; 7 Choral Mass, Missa: 'da pacem Googuln', Missa "Sava diva parens" (Obrechi), Rev R T Englund. ST JOHN'S WOOD URC. NWA: 11 MS, Ref W C McCrotle. WESLEYS CHAPEL Chy Road, EC2: 11 MS & HC, Calebrant Rev Dr G E Barritt & Rev P Huime.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gaze, SWI: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R T

Forthcoming marriages

Captain G.R.T. Bishop and Miss A.K. Mattingley The engagement is announced between Captain Guy Bishop. The Light Infantry, son of Mr and Mrs G.F. Bishop, of Liverpool, and Annabelle, eider daughter of Brigadier and Mrs C.G. Maningley, of Coat, Somerset.

Mr C.M. Buctiner
and Miss G. Hornig
The engagement has been
announced between Christian,
eldest son of Mr Wolfgang and
the late Mrs Traudi Buctiner, of Vienna, Austria, and Gabriele, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Erich Hornig, of Graz, Austria.

Mr M.N. Butler and Miss S.J. Newton The engagement is announced between Mr Matthew Butler, of Codicote, Hertfordshire, and

Miss Sue Newton, of Ealing.

Mr E.J. Caddle

and Miss K.N. Butler The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Edward Caddle, of Finchley, London, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Butler, of Bradmore Village.

Monsieur P.A.N. Clement and Miss G.M.M. Adams The engagement is announced between M Pierre Clement and Giulia Maria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.T. Adams, of Warlingham, Surrey.

Mr J.R. Doff and Miss C.J. Henderson
The engagement is announced
between James Roxburgh, eldest
son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Duff,

and Carolyn Jane, elder daughter of Mrs Olga Henderson, both of Mr S.C. Jenkinson and Miss F. Wright The engagement is announced between Swart, son of Mr and

Mrs R.N. Jenkinson, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Wright, of Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire. Mr W.H.B. Pym and Miss C.K. Rankin

The engagement is ahnounced between William, youngest son of Caroline Pyrn, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and the late Dr M.T. Pym, and Claudia, younger daughter of Daphne Rankin, of London, and the late Dugald

Mr R. Scriven
and Miss J.R. Kelly
Robert, son of Mr and Mrs N.W.
Scriven, of Yeovil, Somerset, and
Jane, daughter of Mrs Hazel
Kelly and the late C.R. Kelly, of
Dundee, are delighted to
announce their engagement.

Mr F.A. Seth-Smith

and Miss K.R. O'Sullivan The engagement is announced between Frederick Alexander, only son of the late Mr Derek Seth-Smith and of Mrs George Smith-Wright, of Chelsea. London, and Kathryn Rose, eldest daughter of Commandant and Mrs Barry O'Sullivan, of Naas, Co Kildare.

Mr P. Sullivan and Miss T.S.I. Woodeson The engagement is announced hetween Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Sullivan of Tresarren. Cornwall, and Tamsin, daughter of Mrs Paula Howitt, of Deal,

Mr C.E. Tincknell and Miss H.M. Keily The forthcoming marriage is announced between Charles Edward, only son of Dr and Mrs Ray Tincknell, of Beaconsfield.
Buckinghamshire, and Helen
Margaret, younger daughter of
Mr and Mrs John Kelly, of
Mackworth Village. Derbyshire.

Mr J.C. Witts and Miss C.F. Edsafl
Mrs Pamela Viney Edsall, of
Putney, London, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Caroline Frances, to Jonathan Courtney, only son of Mr and Mrs Derek Witts, of East Hanney, Oxford.

Mr C.M.H. Wood and Mrs C.C. Alcock The engagement is announced between Christopher M. Howard Wood and Caroline Clary Alcock, of Barnes, London, SW13.

Mr K.R. Woodman and Miss I.M.T. Young The marriage will take place in Oletta, Corsica, on April 25,

1992, between Kenneth Ritchie Woodman, of Exeter, and Ilena London.

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Mr J.S. Yorke and Miss C.J. Allen The engagement is announced between John Yorke, of Forthampton Court, Gloucestershire, and Julia Allen, of 31 Learnington Road Villas, Wil. daughter of the late Herbert M. Allen and stepdaughter of Mrs Daphne Allen, of West Kirby, Wirral.

Church services tomorrow

Quinquagesima

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch. Messe Solenneije (Langiais), 0 Secrum convivium (Tailis), 8cv i H Z Sausmaret: 3.15 E, St Paul's Service (Howells), Precamur Sancie Domine (White): 6.30 Sermon & Companine (The Dean. Domine (White: 0.50 semant a pline, The Dean.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S
Euch. O sacrum convivium (Tailis),
Sunford in B flat. Mr Philip Cunningham; 11.30 M. Responses (Aykward),
Collegium Regale (Howells); 4 E. Wood
in D. Lord, thou hast been our refuge
(Yaughan Williams), Canon Raymond

(Waighan Williams), Canor Raymond Hockley.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30

M. Responses (Cabena). Te Deum (West in C. Jubliste (Macpherson in S).

Canon J Hallburton: 11.30 HC. The Short Service (Wills), Ave verum corpus (Hendrick; 3.15 E. Magnilleas octavical (Morales), Nanc dimitid, This is my commandment (Paills), The Dean.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M. Responses (Fallis), Te Deum Shepherd Sectind Service, Haec et dies (Handi), Lanon C Semper: 11.15 Abbey Ench.

Messe cum Jublio (Durniè), Rev A Luft.

3 E. Sumston in G. Great Lord of Lords (Wood), Rev P Waikin; 5.45 Organ Recial: 6.30 ES, Rev A Luft. SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC 11 Euch, Mass (Strawinsky), O for a closer walk with God (Stanford), O sultar's hostia (Eigar), Canon M Kitchem; 3 E. Murrill In E. How Swely are thy dwellings (Brahms), Rev N Woll. MUTTILI IN E. HOW NOVELY ARE BY dwellings (Brahms), Rev N WOTL.
WESTMENSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5, 30 & 7; 10, 30 S.M. Missas Surge propera (Victoria), Instas at paima florebk (Mawby), The Lord is my sheeherd (Berkeley), Linnies (Alaink: 10 MP; 2, 30 Grgan Recipis 3, 30 Solemn V & B. Magnilicar primi toni [Lassus], Ave verum corpus (Dering, Allegro (Bach), 57 GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6 I.M. 15ag; 8, 10 (Children's Service), 6 I.M.: 11 30 HM. St. John of God (Haydn), The Heavens Are Telling (Haydn), Fr G. Lysaght.
GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, MOSCOW Ed. W2: 9,30 M; 11 Divine Linuigy.
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. Ennismore Gdms. SW7: 10,30 Divine Linuigy.

THE CRAPEL BOYAL St James's Palaces 8.30 HC, 11.15 S Euch, Missa Matris Del (Jackson), Preb S Austen Williams ROTAL HOSPITAL Cheisen, SW3: I [M. My beloved spake [Clucis], Sci me as a sen! (Walton). Toctain Glocosa (Mathias), Rev W Evans. QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Indand in C, Rev P GUARDS CHAPFE, Wellington Sar-racis, SWI: 11 Choral HC, Rest in the Lord (Thalben-Sall), Asterna Christe munera, (Palestrina), O Bone Jesu [Palestrina), Rev S J Davies. GRATS INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC. Rev Canon E James. LINCOLN'S ININ CHAPEL: 11.30 MP, Te Desun, Benedicus, O Lord, Increase my faith (Loosemore), Ref F V A Boyse. TOWER OF LONDON, ECS: 11 M &

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampson Court Pal-ace 8.30 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Creed Discretches, Miserrer Met (Byrd); 3.30 E. O Lord Increase Our Faith (Lousemore, Ayleward Short Service, Though I Speak (Bairstow). (BAINSOW).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S
EUCh, Rev I C TRUNSON.

ALL SAINTS, Manyarri Street, WI: 8 &
5.15 LM: 11 HM. MARS IN R minor
(Brucknet, Patir is the heaven (Hearts),
Rev P McGestry, 6 E & B. In the Dorian
Mode (E Arnold), How are the mighty
failen (Ramsey), Rev C A Jones, CHRIST CHURCH, CHRISTA, SW3: 11
S Euch, Rev S Watson.
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OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, WS: 6.30 LM (Satt 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM: 11.15 SM (Latin). "Knowingsmesse" (Mozari), "Ave verum corpus" (Mozari), "Ave verum

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL RALL (Methodist), SWI: 11 & 6.30 Rev A Cresswell

Dinners

HM Government London Weish Lord Strathclyde, Minister for

Agriculture and Fisheries at the Scottish Office, was host at a dinner held yesterday at Bute House for Scottish agriculture editors and correspondents. Danish-UK' Chamber of Com-Mr John Gummer, MP, was the

guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce held on Thurs-day night at Skinners' Hall. Sir Ronald McIntosh, chairman of the chamber, was the host. The the guests.

Cambridge '99 Rowing Clab Mr Bob Arnold, President of the Mr Boo Arnold, President of the Cambridge '99 Rowing Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge. The Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire. the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University and the President of London University Boat Club also spoke. During dinner the Master of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames presented Mr Johnsthan Conder with the Briscoe Oar. The Mayor of Cambridge and the President of the Amateur Rowing Associ-

ation attended

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, was the guest of honour at a St David's Day London Welsh celebration dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Ronald Hammond presided and Mr Philip Madoc proposed the toast to the Imortal Memory of St David. Lord Richard, QC, and Mrs Myriel Davies also spoke.

Temple Society

Lord Justice Farquharson was the the chair.

Mount St Mary's College Mr Paul Fisher, Headmaster of Mount St Mary's College, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the London Old Mountaineers held last night at Law Society's Hall. Judge Gerald Harkins, President of the Mount Association, presided.

Wash and be clean; put away your exit deeds far from my sight: cease to do exil, learn to do good. Isalah 1 . 16 (REB) BIRTHS

BAINSFAIR - On February 27th. al Queen Charlotle's and Chelrea Hospital. to Sophie unde Ray, and Paul, a daughter, Phoebe Glutletta, a BRADFIELD - On February 22nd, to Sarah (nee Walker)

prother for Charles.

DAVIES - On February 12th.

to Elizabeth (Liz; Makin and
Mark Davies, of Stamford,
Lincs, a daughter, Eleanor
(Elite) Letta.

GORVIN - On February 19th, to Lucy inde O'Connot! and Shaun, a son, Frederick Shaun, a brother for Sam.

PATHERICK - On February 26th, at St George's Hospital, to Linda Redford and Geoffrey Halbertick, a daughter, Victoria Cressida JOHNSTON - On February 25th, to Susan (née Grant) and delighted Dad Peter, a daughter, Emily Kate

daughter, Emity Kate.

JONES - On February 23rd
1992 at St Marry's Hospital.
Puddington, to Helen unee
Warnery and Howard, twin
boys, Oliver William and
Alexander Edward.

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27th at home, to Flona
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Jacob Alexander Christopher
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1992, at The Portland
Hospital, to Sarah tnee
Webbi and Marcus, a 500.

MALDEN - On February 11th. to Jennifer (née Mason) and Edward, a daughter. Emily Rose, a sister to Harriel, Clare and Grace. MITCHELL - On February 24th, to Karen mee Nickson) and Charles, a daughter. Stephanie Kate, a sister for Thomas and William.

MURRAY - On February 20th, to Anne (nee Mitchell) and John, a daughter. Rachel Louise. a sister (or Sarah. OLIVER - On February 25th, lo Sharvn and Christopher, a son, William Charles Kenneth, weighing 70s 8oz. a brother for Callum.

and James.

CHAMBERS - On February
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Steven, a daughter, Alice
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WELLS - On February 25th. in St Albars City Hospital. to isobel thee Cookl and Norman, a son, Alexander Walter Roger. WILSON - On February 23rd. Io Susic unee McGougan) and Andrew of Tarascon, Onga Onga, RDZ Walpawa, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, a daughter. Mina. a sister to Zoe and Florence. WOOD - On February 28th in Norwich. Io Ann Inée Glimour) and Andrew, a son. Rupert James Knoyle, a broiher for Charlotle, and

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ALLISON - On February
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ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC. ALL SOULS, Langton Place, WI: II Preb R Bewes; 6.30 HC, Rev S Parke. BEESTON - On February 26th suddenty in Melbourne. Australia. Physilis Morwenna (Norma). Joving and much loved wife of the late Derek. Most sadty missed by the familty and her very noany friends. Enquiries. Doris Bell. 10711 937-3742.

BOURDILLON - On February 26th 1992. peacefully at Hove. Pamela Maud thée Chetham), mother of Peter. Service at St Mary Abbots Church. Kensington, on Tuesday March 3rd at 11 am. Donations in theu of flowers to R.N.L.I. c/o Hanningtons F/D Lid. 4/6 Mosteflore Road, Hove. Sussex BN3-1RD.

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James and Carollia, Funeral
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George Lane, Mariborough,
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but donations if desired to
The British Heart
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KEEMAN - On February 25th,
Evelyn (née Durrance),
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James Keeman and much
beloved mother and grandmother. Privale funeral.

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LONG PRICE - On February
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price being a share in the spoil." STOUNDMRAL (a) At intervals, from time to time, a lovely and unjustly neglected old word for which there is no maininetery one-word modern replacement, from the Old English stound time: "The fox located on the king stoundment, and was gird in his heart."

VELIVOLANT (b) With full sails, the desirable state for sailing houts in harry, from the Latin veluer a sail + refere to fly "Vellvolant, remains and (as it went) flying with fall sail."

Among others present were: Lady Cledwyn. Baroness White, Sir William and Lady Mars-Jones and Sir David and Lady Nicholes.

guest speaker at the annual dinner of Southampton University Inner Temple Society held last night at the Rhinefield House Hotel in the New Forest Miss Sabrina Lippell, president, was in

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THE TIMES OBITUARIES OF 1991

Obituaries are news, and The Times has greatly increased the space devoted to them each day. From the 900 or so published last year David Heaton and John Higgins have selected some 180 to provide a fascinating insight into the lives of all sorts of conditions of men and women **PUBLICATION DATE: FEBRUARY 25th**

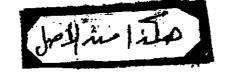
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SAMUEL HAYAKAWA

Samuel Ichiye Hayakawa, a con-troversial scholar and politician who achieved instant fame for his dramatic stand against the American student protest move-ment in the 1960s, died of a stroke in Greenbrae, California, on February 27 aged 85. He was born in Vancouver, British Cohumbia, on July 18, 1906.

SLEEPING Sam, as he was known for his habit of dozing off during debates in the US senate, was certainly wide awake on the afternoon of December 2, 1968. Then, as president of San Francisco State College, he jumped on to a platform being used by striking students and ripped the wires from their sound amplifying system. A photograph of the raging academic, who stood all of five foot three inches, topped by his habitual Tam o' Shanter cap, was reproduced in newspapers all over America. In that moment he became the symbol of adult authority over rebellious youth and was launched, willy-nilly, into politics.

Hayakawa had never been a slave to convention. In 1937, eight years after emigrating from Canada to the United States when his parents returned to Japan, he married a white girl who was one of his students at the University of Wisconsin. Marriages between whites and Asians were not recognised in many states at the time, including California, and though Hayakawa wanted to go to the West Coast he and his bride had to stay in Chicago for nearly two

As it turned out, this had its advantages. On the outbreak of war with Japan in 1941, more than 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were rounded up on the West Coast and placed in internment camps — a fate which Hayakawa



escaped. In later years he was to anger many Japanese-Americans by asserting that the internment experience had been beneficial, because it helped many of their young people to break out of the traditional pater-

nalistic family structure.
As a scholar, Hayakawa's specialty was the use of language. His first book, Language in Action, was published in 1941 and became an

lected by the Book of the Month Club, and adopted widely as a high school semantics text. The book was written, he said, in response to the rise of Hitler and the success of his propaganda, because "people have got to understand something about the way language works."

instant popular success. It was se-

Hayakawa worked on the theory, also propounded by the Polish schol-

not the same as reality; that at best they only lead to an understanding of real meaning and at worst actually camouflage it. He expanded on the idea in his later work. Language in Thought and Action, which was published in 1949 and is still in print. In both books Hayakawa concentrated on expressing his ideas in readable form - a practice which led many fellow academics to look down their noses and accuse him of lack of scholarship. He bristled at the accusation. "It's fatal to your scholarly reputation," he said in a 1984 interview. "If you write things everyone can understand, you're a cheap populariser."

Wartime restrictions prevented Hayakawa from becoming a US cinzen until 1954, at which time he was lecturing at the University of Chicago and writing a newspaper column on his spare-time passion — jazz. He and his wife soon moved to California, where he became a professor of English at San Francisco State College and its president some 13 years later. The student strike that brought him to prominence, unlike most

demonstrations of the period, had nothing to do with the Vietnam war. It was touched off by the suspension: of a black instructor, demands for a black studies programme and increased enrolment of minority students. Hayakawa responded by banning student demonstrations and speeches, which resulted in the arrest of more than 400 students and faculty members who supported them. The convictions were later overturned by the California Supreme Court as an abrogation of First Amendment rights.

One of his opponents at the time. Eric Solomon, an English professor supporting the students, said of Ha-

SANDRA WELLS

ar Alfred Korzybski, that words are yakawa two decades later: "We opposed him but admired him against our will, really - for the skill with which he established himself." Havakawa retained his college

presidency until 1973, when he retired and switched his political allegiance from Democrat to Republican. The Democrats, he said, were responsible for the youth rebellion of the 1960s. At the age of 70 he ran for the US senate in 1976, winning a close race and becoming known as one of the most conservative members of his party. While in the senate, where he remained for only one term, he opposed busing to achieve racial integration in schools. tried to make English the official language of the US, supported a reduction in the minimum wage for young workers, and worked unsuccessfully to withhold public financing from universities with affirmative action programmes. That he remained awake long enough to do such things was some. thing of a mystery to those who observed him in the chamber. Hayakawa admitted that he sometimes drifted off but only, he said, when a speaker was taking 20 minutes to say something that could be said in By the end of his term his wealthy

conservative backers in California had deserted him and he soon abandoned his campaign in the 1982 election. However, he was not fin-ished with politics. In 1986, declaring that bi-lingual ballots were "profoundly racist" and that "the most rapid way of getting out of the ghetto is to speak good English," ne successfully promoted a ballot init;ative to make English the official language of California. Hayakawa is survived by his wife, Margedant. two sons and a daughter.

AVRAHAM HARMAN

Avraham Harman, former Israeli ambassador to Washington and president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, died in Jerusalem on February 23. aged 77. He was born in London in 1914.

PRESIDENT and later chancellor of the Hebrew University — "the university of the Jewish people" as he liked to call it — Avraham "Abe" Harman played a leading role in rebuilding and expanding the original cam-pus of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus after the Six Day War of 1967 and in attracting Jewish students to it from all over the world. His life was imbued with the course of Zionism and with forging links between Israel and the Jewish diaspora. As a youngster in London he played a leading role in the Habonim (youth) movement (which his older brother Philip helped to found) and alongside Abba (Aubrey) Eban, was an active member of the Federation of Zionist

In 1938, shortly after he earned a law degree from Wadham College, Öxford, he emigrated to what was then Palestine from where he was soon sent to South Africa as an emissary of the Jewish Agency. Later he headed the English section of the agency's information department. spearheading the information effort against British mandatory rule and for the establishment of a Jewish

Youth.

Following the founding of the state in 1948 Harman was appointed deputy director of the press and information division of the ministry of foreign affairs and a year later became Israel's first consul general in Montreal. Then followed a series of diplomatic postings in North America, culminating in his appointment as Israel's ambassador to Washington in 1959. In 1967, when Arab armies massed on the Jewish state's borders and Israel prepared to take pre-emptive action, Harman played a crucial liaison role in the intensive contacts with Lyndon Johnson's administration and in the contacts and confrontations at the United Nations. He also helped prepare the ground for the ensuing close relationship in which the US became Israel's chief political and military sup-

In 1968 he returned to Jerusalem to become president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Israel's victory in the Six Day War had restored free access to the old university campus on Mount Scopus which had been denied since 1948 when the Jordanians captured the eastern part of Jerusalem: while in West Jerusalem there were 13,000 students on the

Givat Ram campus. Abe Harman turned his energies to the rebuilding and expanding of the old campus, travelling the world seeking funds and support for the tremendous task from



Jewish communities everywhere. He also established the school of overseas students intended to attract, particularly, Jewish students from the diaspora to spend a year at the Hebrew University, and also to offer preparatory courses for immigrant students seeking university degrees in a language and

society that was new to them. He left that post in 1983 and was appointed university chancellor, a position he held until his death. Today the Hebrew University boasts seven faculties, 12 schools and 21,000 students on the Mount Scopus campus which Abe Harman brought back to

He was also founding president of the Israel Public Council for Soviety Jewry devoting much time and effort to the cause of Soviet Jewry and to the absorption of Soviet Jewish scientists at the Hebrew University and elsewhere in Israel.

He is survived by his wife. Zena, a former member of the Knesset, two daughters and a

VALENTINO BOMPIANI

Valentino Bompiani, doyen of Italian publishing and the man who in 1929 translated and published Hitler's Mein Kampf to warn Italians against the folly of Nazism, died in Miian on February 23 aged 94.

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VALENTINO Bompiani was for over 60 years one of the guiding forces in the development of Italian culture. He promoted important Italian writers and introduced Italian readers to authors from the rest of the world, and his name became synonymous with quality publishing.

"Val", as he was known to his friends, was born in Ascoli Piceno, in the Marche region of central Italy. His father was an army general and he himself wanted to become a naval officer. But he suffered abad break in his arm while playing football and studied law instead. Afterwards he worked briefly as a journalist for various Rome newspapers and as an executive for the Nestlé company.

His first contact with publishing was when he went to work for Mondadori, still one of the leading Italian publishing houses. He then moved on to another publisher, Unitas, which he left in 1929 to avoid having to publish a re-written version of Manzoni's I promessi sposi.

He decided to set up in business on his own with just a secretary and a messenger. One of the first books he published was a translation of Hitler's Mein Kampf, which was drawn to his attention by a Jewish friend who rightly believed that Italians should be informed about what was happening - and being written — in Germany. Before and during the war

he published six novels by Alberto Moravia which were immediately confiscated by the Fascist authorities. Bompiani managed, however, to bring to Italy books by John Steinbeck. Erskine Caldwell and John Erskine in spite of the regime's aversion to anything Anglo-American. But about 100 other books by

various authors published by Bompiani were banned by Mussolini's censors.

In 1938 Valentino Bompiani went to Berlin for an international convention of publishers. He returned from Germany shaken by what he had seen of Nazism and realising, as he said afterwards, "that we were nearing a catastrophe." He therefore decided to prepare what he described as a "Noah's Ark of everything man has written." The result, which was eventually published in 1946, was a 12-volume encyclopaedia with over 22,000 entries called Dictionary of Works and People of all Times and all Literatures. It stands as the major reference work to come out under the Bompiani

After the war Bompiani published many of the major Italian writers, including

imprint.



Moravia, Eco, Flajano, Piovene and Zavattini. He also introduced Italian readers to foreign authors like Huxley, Faulkner, Nabokov and Pynchon. He also had a personal interest in the theatre and for two decades after the war edited the main Italian theatre magazine, Sipario, as well as writing a

number of plays of his own. Valentino Bompiani left the active directorship of his publishing house in 1973 but staved on as honorary president and consultant until his recent illness. He leaves his wife, Nini, and daughters, Ginevra and Emanueia.

Sandra Wells, variety artist, also known as Joy Wilby, died on February 6

aged 86. She was born Ruth Lilian Clarke in Torquay on January 16, 1906. SANDRA Wells was a profes-

sional pantomime cat. Many, who were children in the Fifties and Sixties, will remem-ber her in Dick Whittington and Puss in Boots alongside such comedians as Richard Hearne (Brixton), Bud Flanagan (New Theatre, Oxford, 1966) and Tommy Trinder (Lewisham). At the age of four she told a

friend of the family she wanted to "go on the stage". This idea was at first firmly discouraged by her parents, who later relented and sent her for ballet lessons. Playing mostly comedy and character parts, she learned her craft in reperat the Theatre Koyal Margate, and on tour with one of England's last travelling theatres, owned by the Inmanns. Eventually she had the confidence to go solo in variety and became the flamenco dancer Janita.

In 1934 she married Mark Bennett, director of the Bennett Brothers Variety Show and until her divorce in 1940 toured with that company in England and abroad with a died in 1989.

song and dance act. During this period she took on the name of Joy Wilby. She was also an accomplished xylophone and saxophone player and in this capacity joined ENSA, entertaining troops at garrison theatres at home

and later in western Europe. In 1946 her agent, recognising her talent for speaking without moving her lips, advised a further change to her act and under her final stage name of Sandra Wells she became one of the few female ventriloquists. She evolved an act of considerable originality, which introduced a doll called Horace Higgs. Together they managed to top the bill at Dublin's Theatre

In 1953 the doll was exchanged for a car's life. When Bobby Vernon retired after cat. Sandra Wells decided to buy his cat costume and spend the rest of her stage life in pantomime. She belonged to that generation of variety artists whose toughness was never allowed to become abrasive. To her friends and colleagues she was totally

In 1947 she married violinist William McLean, who



Sandra Wells as Dick Whittington's cat

PROFESSOR SIDNEY BENJAMIN

Professor Sidney Benjamin, actuary, died on February 18 aged 63. He was born on June 6, 1928.

SIDNEY Benjamin's fundamental quality was his perceptive and seminal interest in every branch of actuarial science coupled with the ability to express his often forthright views in simple, lucid terms. His work in 1965 in connection with the collapse of the Vehicle and General Insurance Company greatly enhanced interest in the way in which actuarial methods could be applied to general insurance and led to the institute introducing this subject in its education and examination system. More recently he

turned his attention to the transaction of general insur-ance at Lloyds of London and his most recent work was in the area of funding long-term care for the elderly.

Although essentially an ac-

tuary, Sidney Benjamn was well-known and highly respected by members of many other professions in the UK and throughout the world. In 1988 he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Institute of Actuaries, a distinction accorded to only 11 accuaries since its inauguration in 1919. In 1985 he was ap-

City University. Benjamin took a degree in mathematics at Cambridge in 1952 and became a fellow

pointed a visiting professor at

of the Institute of Actuaries in 1957, marking that occasion by presenting to the institute. that evening, the first of his many papers: "Putting Computers onto Actuarial Work". In all he published about a dozen papers on a wide range of subjects. He was a frequent, kindly but challenging contributor to the discussions of the papers of others; his

remarks were invariably both apt and succinct. He served the institute as a member of its council in four terms extending over 20 years and was a vice president from 1975 to 1978. He was especially interested in actuarial research and was chairman

of the institute's research committee for over 20 years.

He was a fellow of the British Computer Society and also of the Royal Statistical Society where he served a term on the council and also as chairman of the general application sec-tion. In the United States he was for some years a member of the Society of Actuaries research committee.

His business career com-

menced with Prudential Assurance, and after a period with Ferranti Computers he joined Bacon & Woodrow, Consulting Actuaries, in 1962, becoming a partner in 1963. His clients included insurance con panies, friendly societies, privident associations and persion funds. He is curvived by his wife, their sor and daughter.

Mrs Edith Mary Sharpe of Mar-

Willsbridge, Avon £624,265.

She left £1.000,000 to Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, £250,000 each to Sallsbury Cathedral, and the Victoria & Albert Museum, for the benefit of the Theatre Museum, L100,000 each to Soynon Church, Wardour Catholic Church, Tilbury and the Sallsbury and South Witshire Museum Trust. Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

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FEB 29 ON THIS DAY

Patrick Hamilton has been described as the first Scottish nartyr of the Reformation.

His grisly death provided an important impetus to the **PATRICK** HAMILTON. A ST. ANDREWS

MARTYR. On February 29, 1528, Patrick Hamilton, the "protomartyr of the Scottish Reformation," was burned at the stake in front of the gateway of St. Salvator's, now the United College, St. Andrews. He had done linle of note during his life and in his teaching there was no striking originality to mark him out as one of the foremost leaders in the new movement that was stirring in the Church. Yet the circumstances of his death have given him a high place among the Scottish Reformers and were of great avail in undermining the power of the Catholic hierarchy and spread-ing the new doctrines through-

out the land. out the land.

Hamilton's youth — he was but 24 — his fine and dignified bearing, his high courage and his noble 55th — for he was of the great family of Hamilton, then struggling with the Douglases for the mastery, and through his morth. Catherine through his mother. Catherine Stewart, he was of Royal blood, a great-grandson of James II — all these, together with the cruelty of his face and the unseemly haste with which it was accomplished, won the undying admiration of the

1928 enabled him to proceed to Paris, where he studied at the University, taking his degree in 1520. There he first came into contact with the teachings of Luther which he afterwards preached with constant fer-your. But his impetuous spirit could not suffer him to rest in a foreign land, and in 1528 he was back among his own people in the county of West Lothian preaching the new doctrines and winning con-verts among his friends and relatives. Summoned by Beaton to St. Andrews, he went calmly and confidently, he aione expecting the fate which was soon to follow. Questioned of his faith, he stood firm on doctrines, but matters of Church government and administration, he admitted to be disputable points. He was still at liberty when rumours came of a Hamilton force on the way to win his rescue.

Before his friends could arrive, he was suddenly arrested

at his lodging in the town, on the evening of February 28, and on the following day brought to the stake. His death was long-drawn-out. The train was long-drawn-out. The train of powder laid to the faggots did not light properly and there was delay while more faggots and more powder were brought. A wind from the North Sea and heavy showers prevented the flames from gathering force rapidly and for each hours the apony was not six hours the agony was pro-longed, while some monks, and notably a Black Priar, Alexander Campbell, who had been his chief accuser, urged the

his chief accuser, urged the dying martyr to re-cant. He stood steadfast to the end.
His death was soon noised abroad and provoked severe comment... Another who, we are told, was "a merry gentleman", a "familiar" of Archbishop James Beaton, John Lyndsay by name, gave sound Lyndsay by name, gave sound advice. "My Lord," he said, "if ye burn any more except to follow my counsel ye will utterly destroy yourselves. If ye will burn, then let them be burnt in how (underground) cellars, for the reek of Maister Pairrie Hamilton has infected as many as it blew upon."

Forerunners of man older than thought

BY NORMAN HAMMOND

SOME of humanity's oldest ancestors lived at an even earlier date than thought: new tests in Olduvai gorge in Tanzania have added tens of thousands of years to the age of the famous Bed I, from which many important homi-nid fossils have been

Olduvai gorge was investi-gated by the late Louis Leakey and his wife, Mary, for several decades. Their discovery of Australopithecus boisei, called "nutcracker man" from his huge molars, in 1959 opened a new chapter

in human palaeontology. Further discoveries in Bed I included specimens of Homo habilis, "handy man", the most ancient species to be

given the appellation Homo. The sequence of deposits at Olduvai was dated by potassi-um-argon dating of the different tuffs (rock formed from volcanic ash) which sandwiched the sedimentary layers containing the hominid remains. The tuff known as IB was dated to 1.79 million

years ago. Now US researchers at the Institute of Human Origins at Berkeley have applied a new method, laser-fusion argon-40/argon-39 dating on single mineral grains, and obtained earlier ages: IB is placed at 1.87 million years. and Tuff IC above it at 1.75 million years.

Source: Nature 354: 145-

Church news

The Rev Robert Reiss, Team Rector, Grantham Team Min-Grantham (Lincoln).

The Rev Andrew Stokes, Chaplain and Personal Assistant to the Bishop of Lincoln: to be Canon and Precentor of Lincoln Cathe-dral (Lincoln). The Rev Peter D Taylor, Vicar, St

Clergy appointments

Paul, Farington: to be Vicar, Euxon (Blackburn). The Rev Thomas Taylor, Chaplain of Lord Wandsworth College, Long Sutton, Basingstoke, Hants: to be Vicar, St Leonard, Walton-le-Dale, and Priest-in-Charge, St Leonard, Samlesbury (Blackburn).
The Rev Canon Peter R Thomp-

son. Vicar, Polegate, was installed Prebend of Heathfield in Chichester Cathedral on 19 September 1991 (Chichester). The Rev Frederick Thornett. Assistant Curate, Sleaford: to be Priest-in-Charge, Harlaxton The Rev Richard W Willcock.

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icar. Bamford St Michael vicar. Bamford St Michael (Manchester): to be Rector. Framingham w Saxtead (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich). The Rev Philippa Winton, formerly Honorary Deacon, Lincoln St Faith and St Martin w St Peter (Lincoln): to be part-time Chaplain's Assistant, West Middlesex University Hospiel (I order) Stansted (and Forestside) (Chichester): to retire as from 31 March. University Hospital (London).

Resignations and retirements The Rev Wendy Cranidge, Parish Deacon (NSM), Metheringham (Lincoln): to resign as from 15 March. The Rev Peter Davis, Team Vicar, The Rev Peter Davis, Team Vicar, Bishop Edward King Church, Grimsby Team Ministry (Lincoln): to resign as from 29 April. The Rev John Dowman, Vicar, Legbourne (Lincoln): to retire as from 31 May.

The Rev Edwin Manhias, Rector, Challey (Chichester): to retire as from 30 April.

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The Rev Canon Bernard G Moore, as Honorary Canon of Blackburn Cathedral, Vicar, Christ Church, Charnock Rich-

ard. and Rural Dean of Chorley (Blackburn): to retire as from the end of June. The Rev John G E Stone, Curate.

The Rev Samuel J Tyler. Vicar. Great Ilford, St John the Evan-gelist, Seven Kings (Chelmsford): to retire as from 5 April. The Rev Canon Hugh Williams, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Bolton-le-Sands, and an Honorary Canon of Blackburn Cathedral (Black-burn): to retire as from 10 August.

Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust

The trustees of the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust are to establish two chairs in Commu-nity Care Studies at the Universities of Glasgow and Leicester The trust will support the new chairs for eight years and will also provide funding for the core supporting staff.

Latest wills

Comiesse Barbara de Brye, of Boyton Manor, Warminster, Wilts, left estate valued at £29.724.890 net.

Mr Kenneth Walter Barker, of

> Scottish people. Patrick Hamilton, the younger son of the noble family, was destined for the Church, and while still a boy, he was granted the Abbacy of Ferne, in Ross-shire, a place which he prob-ably never saw. It was a typical appointment of the time, such as provoked strong popular indignation against the abuses indignation against the abuses in the Church. Yet the income

Vauxhall overtakes Ford in car sales race

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

first time in 15 years.

The country's biggest car company was overtaken by Vauxhall as the most successful motor manufacturer during February in what is being seen as the most serious setback to the company as it battles to recover from record financial losses.

Ford took over from British Leyland in 1977 as the nation's biggest provider of cars, regularly winning 25 per cent or more of new car sales. However, a volatile market hit by recession has taken its toll and Ford has slipped back significantly in the face of competition from Vauxhall and Rover.

Vauxhall is thought to have captured 23 per cent of the February market, its best performance, while Ford has gone back to about 20 per cent. Rover has improved rapidly to about 17 per cent.

While Ford remains confident that it will retain its position as Britain's biggest seller of cars over the year as a whole, the February figures will come as a psychological blow to the struggling business. Earlier this month, the company announced 2,100 jobs losses as it ran up a pre-tax deficit of £590 million, its biggest loss.

Ford has been struggling for some time to maintain its market leadership offering discounts of up to £1,000 on its most popular cars and registering 15,000 in the last few days of January to stay ahead of the competition.

However, Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain, has told his executives not to seek discounted sales at the expense of profit, allowing Vauxhall to move into the top slot in the sales league table. After sales were counted at

FORD has lost leadership of the 20-day point this month, be British car market for the Vauxhall had its British-built Cavalier and Astra models in first and second places followed by the Rover 200

> That means that Ford'a previously best-selling Fiesta and Escort have slipped back badly, overtaken by rival models which are attracting private and fleet customers. The Fiesta is made at Dagen-ham, Essex, and the Escort at Halewood on Merseyside, and doubts have been cast over the future of both plants.

> Registrations are not ex-pected to change significantly over the last few days of the month, so that when statistics are confirmed on Thursday. Ford will still be trailing.

Ford blamed the recession and uncertainty over the Budget for its fall in sales. Vaux-hall said that the February market was a clear indication that no single company would dominate. "No company can expect to take a third or a quarter of all new car sales. There will be a few big players but several com-panies, including the new Japanese companies in Britain, which will all have significant market shares.



Top form: Cavalier sees off best-selling Escort



On the ball: Paul Tsongas, Democratic presidential candidate, throwing a football into a crowd during a rally in Seattle. Democratic candidates are campaigning for next week's primaries in Maryland, Georgia, Colorado and Utah. Campaign trail, page 8

Judge limits Nadir charges

Continued from page 1 ar to one applied in Scotland, could be adopted. A royal commission on criminal justice, due to report in 12 months, is studying the idea which involves a single common law crime of fraud.

Such a move has the sup-port of Barbara Mills, QC, the outgoing head of the Serious Fraud Office and the next Director of Public Prosecutions. She still supports the retention of a jury to bear

Mr Justice Tucker made it clear yesterday that he still believes in the need for a jury. He told David Calvert-Smith, one of the Nadir case prosecution team: "I feel no-one is more suited to trying this case than a British jury. This trial will start as soon as possible,

it will be short and straight-forward. It is not going to be a long and laborious case."

Mr Calvert-Smith said: "We are working to the objec-tives of a short trial with clear issues." However he issued a warning that there was "voluminous" paperwork connected with the trial which is expected to last up to six months. The trial of Mr Nadir, who faces charges involving more than £25 million; was set for the beginning of March next year and will be held at Chichester Rents.

Mrs Mills again tackled the issue of fraud trials when she addressed a conference in Eastbourne yesterday. She said that to judge the fraud office by its conviction rate was a "very oversimal away" to gauge its performa

told the investment conference of the National Association of Pension Funds that there was still a lack of understanding for the way in which the fraud office worked, despite the publicity its opera-tions had received.

She believed the present balance of powers ensured confidence in the system of justice. She said that she would be disturbed, if that were not the case. It was "extremely important" to have public confidence in the

She voiced regret that the fraud office was usually called in at too late a stage to recover much, if anything, for the victims of fraud. "It is far more satisfactory to try to revent fraud from

Bellamy joins last plea to save Twyford Down

Continued from page 1

given, buildozers can enter the Itchen Valley water meadows at the southern end of the M3 route, an area rich in rare

aquatic wildflowers. The signatories "acknowledge the strength of the argument" for completing the M3 between London and Southampton, but say that damage by the present route will far outweigh benefits and press the case for a tunnel, which would add an estimated £85 million to the project's cost. The government rejects the tunnel argument on cost and

delay grounds. The signatories are headed by Professor Martin Biddle, president of the Twyford Down Association and a lead-

ing medieval archaeologist. who is fighting to save an ancient village site and a pattern of medieval trackways, both scheduled ancient mon-

uments, which the motorway

will destroy. The letter is also signed by David Croker, a Winchester city councillor and chairman of the association, Sir William Wilkinson, chairman of the former Nature Conservancy Council, the naturalist Miriam Rothschild, famous for work on insects, Fiona Reynolds, of the Council for the Protection of Rural Eng-land, and Andrew Lees and Jonathon Porritt, of Friends of the Earth.

Letters, page 13

SAS men froze to death in desert

Continued from page 1 long-range patrol behind en-emy lines when they met I raqi forces and a fire fight crupted. They abandoned most of their equipment, including vital protective clothing.

His SAS companion told Nicholas Gardiner, the coroner, that the weather was bad, with snow, rain and heavy wind. He said they sheltered in a ring of stones on an exposed hill before swimming across an extremely cold river.

Lance Corporal Lane began to suffer badly from the cold and had to be helped to a hut. His comrade said: "He couldn't speak, he was incoherent. His eyes were darting around when he was conscious. He was extremely cold to the touch and in very poor condition."

The SAS man said he at tracted the attention of civilians working near his dying colleague before escaping. When his body was returned to allied forces from the Rashid military hospital, there were documents giving the cause of death as hypothermia.

Sergeant Phillips also died after abandoning protective clothing and other equipment, following an exchange of gunfire with the enemy. Like Coporal Denbury, Swiss-born Private Consiglio died during an exchange of gunfire with Iraqi troops. He became separated from his patrol and when gunfire was heard later, it was assumed that he had been killed. When the soldier's body was returned, he was found to have been shot in the head. He also had other wounds and the cause of death was given as multiple injuries.

Mr Gardiner recorded verdicts that all four died while on active service and engaged in combat. He told relatives: "There is a great deal that has not been said today, but all of it would reflect with the greatest credit on the deceased members of your families and their counterparts."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,854 2 Not much of a sailor to lose a ship

ACROSS

1 Partner in business suit (7).

5 Get on well with Merimee (7). 9 Holder of the trophy is the one to

provide the drinks (9).

10 Pulse beginning to beat after endless pain (5).

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27 Surely not one to conceal treason? (7). DOWN

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7 Sitting room for the maid? (7).

13 The thoughts of one in a main commuter station (11).

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19 Won at Bisley, though bullet off the mark? (7).

20 Agree to despicable fellow being

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25 Note: the infinite ordinal

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Concise Crossword, page 16

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a. The use of local words
b. Configuity, juntapositio
c. Stinginess

CHAMPERTY a. An illegal deal b. Open country c. An early car boot sale STOUNDMEAL

a. Now and then

b. Finest white meal

c. The vane of a mill

VELIVOLANT a. Light puff pastry pie b. With full sails

Answers on page 14

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The winners of last Saturday's com-petition are: CJ Tubb, Eaton Manor, The Drive, Hove, E Susser, D L Day, Hazell Way, Stoke Poges, Bucks; M M Sands, Park Street, Stow on the Wold. Glos: J O Rimmer, Speed House, Barbican, London: B Nicolson, The Row, Letham, Cupar, Fife.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly cloudy and breezy with rain at times, although some eastern parts will have drier, brighter spells. England and Wales will be mainly dry with sunny intervals but western coastal counties will be cloudier, perhaps with a little rain or drizzle. Outlook: rain spreading southeast.

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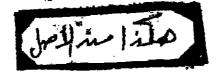
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All threat weeks

Bernard Asher has stamped his personality on James Capel, the UK securities house, to good effect. After only a year as chairman, he has returned the company to profit - at a price. However, this logical, intellectual businessman and tough negotiator also has a warm heart and is very much a family



Returns fade

The banking ombudsman is investivating whether banks should. Tily customers with obsolete deposit accounts that they could get better interest rates from other

When to say no

Bank customers could find they have unwittingly given their consent to receiving mailshots, despite a provision in the new banking code that people have to give "express" consent ... Page 24



Gold foil

Substantial bonuses are being paid in gold bars. Marks and Spencer vouchers and theatre tickets to employees, many at merchant and securities houses. This way, employers avoid paying millions of pounds in National Insurance contributions. Employees can strike a deal with their employer to split the employer's tax saving in return for the inconvenience caused and the possible risk of the gold's value falling Page 21



Boast enquiry

A scheme that boasts participants can earn £1,000 a week after two years for an outlay of only £30 a month is under investigation by the Advertising Standards

Sun rising

Sun Alliance is to increase home contents premiums by up to 35 per cent on April 1. after big increases in the costs and number of claims. Insurers are set to announce



Fees cut

Murray Johnstone has cut initial charges on unit trusts to I per cent and other groups are expected to fol-low. The industry average

Offer recommended to shareholders

Lloyds returns with £93m bid for Macarthy

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

LLOYDS Chemists made its much expected bid for Macarthy, its rival, yesterday, two days after it was cleared to do so by Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, acting on the advice of the monopolies commission.

Lloyds, which has the blessing of the Macarthy board, is bidding £93.6 million for the chain of 171 chemist stores, trading mainly as Savory & Moore, and the associated Macarthy businesses.

Lloyds' original bid of £83 million was referred to the monopolies commission last October along with a rival bid of £75 million from Uni-Chem. At the time of the first bid. Lloyds received acceptances in respect of over 65 per cent.

Peter Dodd, UniChem's chairman, said his board had not decided whether to reenter the fray with a counter bid. "We haven't seen the offer document from Lloyds yet and we will wait for that. Most of Macarthy's shares are held by institutions so there is no panic. If we did decide to bid again, I imagine we would do so within 15 or 16 days of seeing the offer document," he said.

Lloyds is offering one new ordinary share for every Macarthy share which will still qualify for the 5p dividend on April 6 if the bid is successful. The offer values each Mac-

THE POUND ...

STOCK MARKET

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90.7 (-0.1)

FT 30 share

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Exchange index

arthy share at 337p and there is a cash alternative of 305p. Lloyds' merchant bank, Samuel Montagu, is offering the cash alternative separately. The brokers are Panmure Gordon and County NatWest

Wood Mackenzie. Lloyds' offer for the Macarthy 6 per cent preference share is 100p in cash. and for the 5.5 per cent preference share it is 110p in cash. The bid values Macarthy at 24.4 times last year's earnings. Macarthy shares fell 3p to 318p on the news yesterday and Lloyds fell 12p

to 327p. Lloyds already holds 9.9 per cent of Macarthy and has received an irrevocable undertaking to accept the offer from Govett Strategic Investment Trust, Macarthy's largest shareholder with 16.8 per cent. Lloyds, therefore, aldy speaks for 26.7 per cent

of Macarthy. Ian Parsons, Macarthy's chief executive, said the board had thought long and hard before recommending the Lloyds offer. "We think it is a good offer. We've obviously thought about the UniChem position but I am convinced that Lloyds together with Macarthy is a great growth

opportunity". Mr Parsons, who will receive £400,000 as severence pay under the terms of the bid, said other about said other shareholders were already pledging their

support to Lloyds and he expected the bid to be over by the first closing date. "Clearly there has been a lot of uncertainty for the group and it will be a good thing for everyone if that is resolved quickly."

Lloyds' existing shareholders have been promised an interim dividend of 1.55p for the year to end-June 1992, an increase of 32 per cent over last year's interim. The new shares will not rank for this dividend. In the six months to end-

December 1991, Lloyds turnover rose 94 per cent to £218 million. On a like-for-like basis turnover at the chemist division was up 8.5 per cent. Like for like sales in the chemist division are currently up 10.1 per cent on last year. Allen Lloyd, the group's chairman and chief execu-

tive, says the two businesses chemist stores are mainly in London and the South-East, South Wales, central Scotland and Jersey where they trade as Savory & Moore. In the Isle of Man, they trade as G J Maley. At the moment, London

and the South-East remains an under-represented area for Lloyds, which is more heavily biased towards the Midlands and the North. There will be no chemist store closures as a result of merging the two groups, which will give Lloyds a chain of 838



Chemical equation: Allen Lloyd believes Macarthy fits well with his own group

Gross interest income

edged up by only 2 per cent to SwFr12 billion, but net inter-

est income grew 23 per cent to SwFr 3.3 billion. This was

partly due to refinancing of

liabilities at lower dollar in-

terest rates. Income from se-

curities business, much of

which is now conducted through UBS Phillips &

Drew, more than doubled from £315 million to £692

million, helped by upturns in

Return on shareholders' eq-

uity rose from 5.4 per cent to

7 per cent, despite a 13 per

cent increase in expenses.

UBS is not increasing its divi-dend but plans to distribute

share warrants worth about

18 per cent of its dividend.

The group also plans a five-

for-one share split for both its bearer and registered stock.

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computer, a copier and a fax. France's aesthetic reput-

ation is assuaged by the

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lion) in 1991.

P&D boosts Swiss parent ness, will integrate into Lloyds Holland & Barrett. Mr Lloyd is confident that important improvements in profitability" can be achieved in Savory & Moore in the

BY OUR FINANCIAL EDITOR

A MUCH improved performance from Phillips & Drew, ly with most British interna-tional banks, but UBS was its main securities offshoot. not immune to problems asand a widening of interest sociated with recession. margins helped Union Bank Group charges for depreciof Switzerland increase group

ation, losses and provisions net profit by 36 per cent to SwFr1.22 billion (£470 milrose by 30 per cent to SwFr1.7 billion. UBS says that "the predominant part

consisted of provisions for the sharp increase in doubtful debts resulting from the worldwide economic slowdown". Of the SwFr1.2 billion charges within the parent company, "a considerable share" was for doubtful

debts in Switzerland.

initial charge is 5 to 6 per Mystery clouds ownership of

of the alleged sale. Under

Itahan law, the central bank

must be consulted regarding

the purchase of large stakes in

banks and bank helding

BNA last year to strengthen its capitalisation, and the

bank has held periodic nego-

tiations with several banks

about a possible link-up. One

of these is state-owned Credit

Italiano, which owns 22 per

cent of Bonifiche Siele and

said Pier Carlo Marengo,

Credit's managing director

wanted to create a new,

strong banking group to fi-

nance agrarian services, par-

ticularly after Federconsorzi,

the farm co-operative, col-

Giorgio Cigliana, one of three

coun-appointed administra-

tors for Federconsorzi, which

owns about 14 per cent of

BNA. "The problem is wheth-

er there is a contract or not,"

"It is a comedy," said

lapsed last year.

We weren't informed,"

Signor Gennari said he

.5 per cent of BNA.

The Bank of Italy urged

companies.

Italian bank

AN ALMOST farcical dispute over who owns Italy's second-larges: private bank has become what the press calls a "giallo finanziario" a financial thriller.

Widespread confusion has reigned since Gauseppe Gennari, the Italian financier, told Italian reporters on Tuesday that he had agreed to pay 1.200 billion lire (£555 million) for a 52 per cent stake in the parent company of Banca Nazionale dell'Agricoltura (BNA).

Signor Gennari said he bought the shares in Bonifiche Siele Finanziaria from Count Giovanni Auletta Armenise. BNA's chairman. But the count, who has

strong links with the Christian Democrat party, has denied selling the shares. "It's a Kafkaesque affair." said Vincenzo Matturri, a member of Consob, the Italian bourse regulatory com-mission, which has suspend-

ed trading in both groups until the matter is clarified. "We don't know who to believe. Gennari says one

thing and Auletta says the opposite," Signor Matturri said. To complicate matters, Bank of Italy officials have said they were not informed

A spokesman for Signor Gennari reiterated that the businessman had made a deal to buy effective control of BNA. "A sale contract signed by Auletta exists," the spokes-

man added. Italian firms have won the go-ahead to start building what should by 1996 be the world's largest pon for han-dling liquefied natural gas exports in the Gulf emirate of

SACE, Italy's export credit guarantee agency, granted cover worth 500 billion lire for the port to be built by Societa Italiana per Condotte d'Acqua, part of IRI, the state

holding group.

The total contract is worth 922 billion lire.

Lloyd's 'whitewash' feared

By Jonathan Prynn

FURTHER questions have been raised by some ruined Lloyd's names about the independence of Sir David Walker, who has been appointed by the insurance market to head an enquiry into the wave of catastrophic losses.

Some names are unhappy that Sir David, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, is paid a £15,000 annual fee by Lloyd's for his work on its ruling council, though he does not **New York Dow Jones** personally benefit from the payments. One name said he the reinsurance "spiral"

would be a whitewash A spokesman for Lloyd's said the fee was paid to all

eight outside, nominated members of the council. "In Sir David's case, all the money is paid directly to the SIB to offset against the time he spends here," he said. Sir David is thought to spend about one day a week on Lloyd's affairs.

Lloyd's appointed Sir David last week to head the investigation amid mounting public and political concern

sections of the Lloyd's market. which have led to losses of up to £1 billion.

Macarthy's health food busi-

short term, and that gross

margins of the existing

Lloyds group can be further

improved as a result of the

increase in purchasing power

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that would arise.

Lloyd's named the other four members of the enquiry team. They are: Sir William Clark. Conservative MP for Croydon South; John Lock, chairman of Mercantile & General, the insurance company, and a director of the Prudential: Peter Mynors. the senior partner of the insurance practice of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte; and Leslie Lucas, chief executive of Nor-Winterthur

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sell. "You pick up the telephone and a voice says, 'Hi! This is the Hotel Cocoon. We still have room for any of your customers right now'." The callers are trying to convince weary air travellers to stumble into a tiny, airconditioned cube in the departure lounge at Charles de Gaulle airport, rather than take the train into Paris and

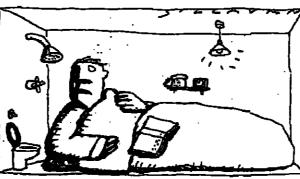
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a toilet and a shower. Brent (Mar) \$17.55 pbl (\$17.65) The brains behind the new. Fr10 million project is RETAIL PRICES Claude Douillard, the president of Elitair, France's RPI: 135.6 January (1987=100) third-largest hotel-restaurant group. He first saw Japanese men clambering into

coffin-like capsules during a



trip to Tokyo in 1983 and vowed one day he would bring the idea home.

Elitair carried out extensive market research and by 1989 they had built a prototype in the airport shopping area. Surveys showed 95 per cent of visitors agreeing to try the cabins, with 5 per cent refusing because there were

Two years later, Elitair neotiated with Aeroports de Paris for the use of an 800 souare metre area in termiairlines except Air France. "Well, some of our customers are French," says Edwige Witvoet, an Elitair director, "but most are Japanese or from the United States."

Staff have also registered a significant number of English business people willing to give the novel accommodation a go. Brochures for the Hotel Cocoon gleefully predict increased flight delays and offer the stranded executive the use of a tri-

(yellow to mid-height, then pink), "He-de-Re" (pearl grey, pale yellow) and "Polar" (pearl grey, pale blue). Vending machines are available where needy cocoonists can buy make-up, shaving kits, cigarettes and drinks. nal one, used by almost all At the moment, Elitair directors say, an average of just

40 per cent of cocoons are filled daily. They would be happy with 70 per cent. No doubt as Europeans come to terms with the concept of reduced personal space, the Hotel Cocoon will expand. For the moment though, many of Europe's business executives seem resistant to change, clinging stubbornly to ideas such as windows and expense accounts that stretch to taxis and hotels.

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BICC to buy in Germany

BICC, the electrical cables and construction group, will buy KWO, a leading eastern German cables business, for £23 million.

The group said it had agreed the purchase with the Treuhandanstalt, the government agency responsible for the privatisation of former East German state-owned companies. KWO comprises four Berlin companies and manufactures a power cables and metallic and optical telephone cables

BICC will be committing itself to an investment programme of at least DM80 million, spent over the next two years. Given the opportunities for sales growth in Germany and planned effi-ciencies, the acquisition was expected to have a neutral effect on BICC's 1992 earnings, the group said.

Final passed

Stainless Metalcraft, the medical and engineering group which is quoted on the USM, has passed its final dividend (1p) as pre-tax losses deepened to £256,000 (£141,000) in the year to end-August. Earlier, there was again no interim dividend. The loss per share increased to 3.3p (2.2p).

Craton deficit

LOSSES have increased at Craton Lodge & Knight, the holding company for design, communications and new product consultancies. In the year to end-December the pre-tax deficit rose to £431,000 (£235,000). There is no final dividend. The group proposes a name change to Princedale Group.

Essex interim

Essex Furniture, the USMquoted upholstered furniture maker and retailer, is raising its interim 25 per cent to 1.25p per share, after lifting pre-tax profits 17.2 per cent to £375,000 in the six months to end-December. Earnings per share are 2.63p (2.32p).

SEET losses

SEET, formerly Scottish, English and European Textiles, the loss-making Harris tweed maker, has trimmed pre-tax losses from £637,000 to £455,000 in the six months to end-October. The deficit per share is 10.5p (16.3p). Again, there is no interim.

Fleming value

Net asset value at Fleming Emerging Markets Invest-ment after its first six months is 100.4p a share. Pre-tax profits for the half year to end-December were £734,691. There is no inter-

Orders plunge

West German engineering orders plunged a real 9 per cent in January compared with the same month in 1991, the engineering indus-

Estates loses £14m in disposal

GREAT Portland Estates, the property group, is selling at a loss of £14 million its 50 per cent interest in Bride Hall, a property developer and trader in the office, retail and business park sector.

The Bride Hall holding was acquired in 1987 as a joint venture with Danny Desmond, who resigned as a director of Great Portland Estates earlier this week. The stake is being sold to a trust, in which Mr Desmond has an interest, for a minimum of £500,000. Great Portland said it was selling because there was "unlikely to be a significant upturn in the fore-seeable future" in Bride Hall's markets.

The Bride Hall investment was valued in Great Portland's books at £15 million. The £14 million loss on the disposal will be treated as an extraordinary item because Great Portland is withdrawing from the business property market.

In a simultaneous deal, Great Portland announced that it is to acquire from Bride Hall Developments, a subsidiary of Bride Hall, a development in Euston Road, London, that has been pre-let to Gestetner Holdings. The pur-chase price is £29 million. Great Portland provided a guarantee for the bank facility to finance the acquisition and redevelopment of the

property.

The company said it had decided that "as any future fail in value could result in a loss to the group under the guarantee, it is in the best interests of the group to purchase the property as an in-



property at June 1991 was estimated to be 50.7 million, which will be charged to trading profits for the current year. The fall in value of the completed development since then is estimated at £8 million, which will be taken into the group's revaluation reserve, Richard Peskin, Great Portland's chairman and managing director, said the property was being bought because "it is sensible for us to take a long-term position rather than a short-term Great Portland also an-

nounced yesterday that it is raising £30 million through a further issue of mortgage de-benture stock 2021. The yield is 120 basis points over the reference gilt.

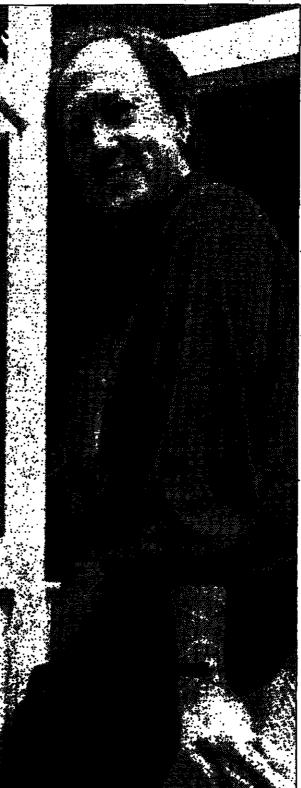
vestment". The loss on the

The company said the funds raised would be used to finance "further property investment, development and refurbishment. Great Port-land is being advised by Bar-ing Brothers and the broker for the issue is Cazenove. The company launched a £100 million issue in October.

The company added that central London rental values had continued to decline since October 29, when a valuation was carried out by Hillier Parker. The company gave a warning that the decline is likely to affect proper-ty values. The next valuation of the company's properties is due on March 31.

Mr Peskin confirmed that the final dividend for the year ending March 31 would be maintained at last year's level of 6.6p. The interim was held

Gt Portland | Rawlins slates soft deals



"Vested interests": Peter Rawlins, Exchange chief

PETER Rawlins, chief executive of the London Stock Exchange, has called for the ending of so-called "soft com-missions", which have raised concern among City regula-

"I believe our community should, unprompted, discontinue this practice," he told the National Association of Pension Funds conference in Eastbourne. To the average man, if

people want a service they should be prepared to pay visibly for it. Why do we need some indirect form of remuneration unintelligible to the outsider?" asked Mr Rawlins. Soft commission refers to the practice whereby stockbrokers provide research, screen information and other services to institutional inves-tors in return for guaranteed orders.

The Securities and Investments Board has started a consultation exercise in response to growing unease.

There are worries that the fast-growing use of soft com-mission arrangements pro-vides ways for brokers to provide inducements to fund anagers, that they could lead to overcharging of insti-tutions, and that fund manag-ers may not seek best terms-for clients if they have soft

commission arrangements with a particular broker.

Mr Rawlins, in the most outspoken official criticism of the practice to date, said regulators might introduce some-thing that he called a smell

When we look at the myriad little practices which go on in the depths of our industry, we should constantly ask our-selves, 'How does this smell to

Mr Rawlins said the most serious threat to the securi-ties industry could be a selfgenerated one, the willing-ness of the whole financial sevices industry to be overly attached to its own comfortable and areane traditions.

"If practitioner-based selfregulation dies, it will not be because of its own inefficien-cy. It will be because of a perception that the practitioner-regulators are tied up in their own vested interests," he said.

Bunzl disposes of US and Swiss operations

BUNZL the paper group whose former chairman and chief executive. James White, was ousted by shareholders 15 months ago, is selling its 51 per cent interest in the group's American and Swiss paper and pulp trading operations. The group says the disposal is in line with its strategy of disposing of low-margin trading businesses. The companies sold are Intercontinental Cellulose Sales, of New York, and Intercontinental Cellulose Sales, of Switzerland.

The purchaser is George Edwards, the ICS president and minority shareholder. The combined business had sales of \$186 million last year and made a pre-tax loss of \$888.000 on net assets of \$3.4 million. The disposal follows the sale of Bunzl's loss-making west coast food distribution centres in America lest month. Bunzl has considered. America last month. Bunzl has agreed with the purchaser not to disclose the price received, but it is not thought to be more than the net asset value.

Bass sells 56 pubs

BASS has sold a further 56 public houses to Century Inns for an undisclosed sum estimated by analysts at just over £10 million. The sale increases Century's estate to 241 pubs. Last November, Century, which is based in Billingham, Cleveland, bought 185 pubs from Bass. The latest batch of pubs is located between Northumbria and Lincolnshire, with a concentration in Hull, Huddersfield and Gateshead. Bass Taverns has sold or contracted to sell more than 1,900 pubs since July 1989 to meet trade department requirements drawn up after a monopolies commission report on the brewing industry. Bass shares rose 9p to 577p.

Lionheart stake lifted

NEWELL, an American hardware and housewares group. has increased its stake in Lionheart, which is in similar businesses in Britain, to 13.5 per cent by acquiring 17 million shares from HIT Investments, part of Hillsdown Holdings. No price was disclosed but the shares — 8.7 per cent of Lionhean's equity — are worth more than £6 million in the market. Newell has a five-year agreement with Lionheart not to increase its holding to more than a fifth without the board's consent. "They understand our business and their backing will help us take the group forward," said Paul Lever, Lionheart's executive chairman.

Cluff meets forecast

CLUFF Resources, the oil and gold-mining company with interests in Ghana, suffered a small fall in pre-tax profits to £2.35 million in the year to end-December, against £2.51 million last time. However, profits were in line with the forecast made at the time of the recent 11-for-20 rights issue. at 34p per share, which was made to raise £8.3 million towards developing the Ayanfuri open pit gold mine in Ghana. Earnings per share slipped from 2.43p to 1.65p. An unchanged first and final dividend of 1p is proposed. Revenue declined from £16.7 million to £14.7 million. The shares eased 1p to 23p.

GM invests in Poland

POLAND and General Motors, the American carmaker. agreed to begin long-term co-operation to assemble Opel cars in Warsaw next year in a joint venture with FSO, the state-owned car plant. A memorandum of understanding was signed by General Motors-Europe, FSO and the ministries of industry, privatisation and finance. FSO — the initials mean Passenger Car Factory - has been looking for a new foreign parmer for four years, and the deal, in which the two groups will invest a total of \$75 million in a new company, is considered a highly symbolic achievement for Poland in attracting western investment.

CapCo profits drop

CAPITAL & Counties, the property group best known for retail developments such as the Lakeside shopping centre at Thurrock, in Essex, saw pre-tax profits fall by £24 million to £29 million in the year to the end of December. The fall followed a turnround in interest charges from a receipt of £8.2 million last time to a payment of £21.2 million, including an additional £15 million after the company stopped capitalising interest at Lakeside. As forecast at the time of the rights issue last year, a final dividend of 5p makes a total down from 13.2p to 10p.

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Forth Ports sale approaches

By MARTIN WALLER

THE government will next week start marketing the last privatisation before the general election, a £35 million float for the Forth Ports Authority in the Edinburgh

ports of Leith and Grangemouth, and other smaller facilities in the area. Main customers are BP, which owns the refinery at Grange-

mouth, Shell and British Gas. Publication of the pathfinder prospectus is set for Monday. Forth is thought to have considered a management buyout or a trade sale

but concluded that the need to keep the company in a financial state to grow further suggested a market flotation as the most obvious route.

Forth, like other ports, has only come into its own since ional Docks Labour Scheme. City estimates suggest 1990 was a record year, with premillion, but the prospectus is likely to include a warning that the recession has hit 1991 earnings, which are thought to be a little lower.

Over the past ten days City

investors have been taken to

Edinburgh to inspect the ports. The full details of the pricing will be safely completed before the Budget. Forth owns a total 430 hec-

tares of land and 240 hectares of water. The flotation windfall gains possible once the property market

The pricing will be based on the present value of the biggest ports privatisation so far, of Associated British Ports, and the trade sales of Felixstowe and Tees and

Arcadian losses cut to £592,000 at half time

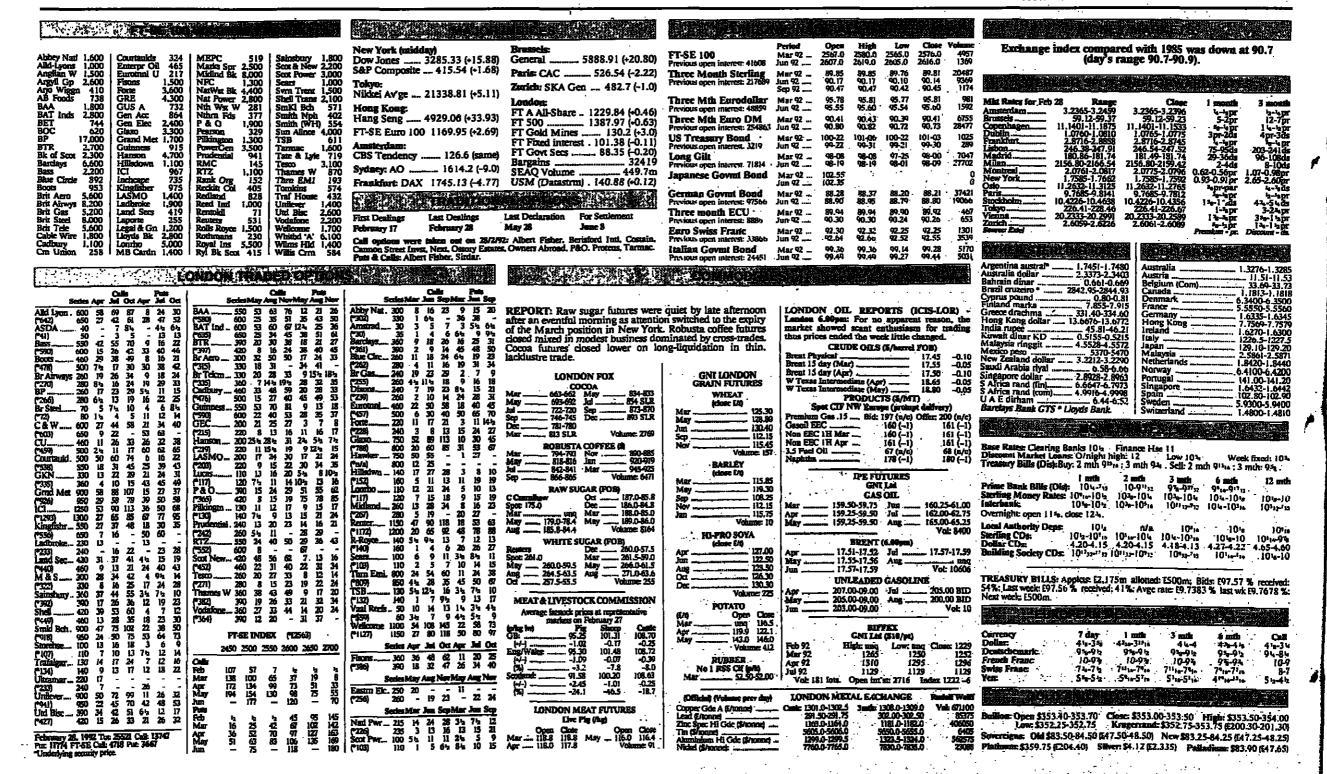
BY OUR CITY STAFF

ARCADIAN International, a chief executive, promised a leisure property group run by the former management of med pre-tax losses from £2.29 million to £592,000 in the six months to October 31.

There is again no ordinary dividend. Most of the improvement is explained by the fact that the figures last time contained £1:48 million of exceptional items: the operating loss increased by £44,000 to £552,000. Robert Breare,

"satisfactory operating result" by the year end if fund-Parkdale Holdings and ing on a hotel at Paris's chaired by Sir Peter Parker. Charles de Gaulle airport and Euro Disneyland is in place this year. The Parkdale team ac-

quired Westminster & Country Properties in 1990 with a view to selling its commercial property portfolio and using the company — renamed Ar-cadian — as a vehicle to develop leisure schemes in Britain and on the Continent.



BUSINESS PROFILE: Bernard Asher

Logical intellectual makes his mark

The chairman of James Capel tells Carol Leonard of the price that has had to be paid for a return to profit

of James Capel, the UK securities house, is living proof of the school of thought that claims the personality of the person heading a company determines the culture within that organisation.

Asher, aged 55, who returned to London from Hong Kong in January 1991, specifically to re-solve James Capel's problems the company had lost £31 million in 1990 — has more than made

On March 11, James Capel and its parent, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, where Asher is also a director, will announce they are again in profit. Given the present economic climate, that is no mean feat.

Asher says: "James Capel had hit a rather sticky financial patch and in the Hongkong Bank we take these things very seriously. It started to go wrong in 1988 when, after the dramatic growth of the market, with even more accelera-tion in the rise of costs, the boom came to an end.

Capel's was caught between a levelling out of revenues and a continued accel-'He is good company eration of expenditure. It was more and has good exposed than most other houses and social skills, mistakes were made." Asher but is no joke claims the firm is to work for "coming right" but admits it

achieved without pain. He "got rid of" 300 people. 12 per cent of the James Capel payroll, and withdrew from many activities. "We have withdrawn from money broking, from petroleum information services and from a variety of smaller activities we shouldn't have been in." he says. "We have brought our costs under control and taken ourselves out of a number of joint ventures. It helps management concentrate on the really big issues rather than concern themselves with a lot of smaller matters, which can be disproportionately time

has not been

Asher's management style is wholly logical. He has no ego problem and although he is adept hooked on power. He does not normally court personal publicity. his feet remain steadfastly on the ground, and he will always allow logic to override emotion. So much so that the unpleasant task of having to rid the firm of such a large number of employees did not cause him undue concern.

"It's a thing you have to do, it's not personal," he says. "You must have compassion and, therefore, you must consider the policies you adopt in terms of outplacement, but at the end of the day it's shareholders' money, not mine. Sometimes it is crueller to be kind. To fudge issues, not to close down a department, not to get rid of somebody, lulls them into a false sense of security. You must be realistic. This is not the church and so people know that things don't stand still."

Asher foresees no more redundancies in Britain. "You can only do that once, to do it twice is a mark of poor management because you should have had more foresight." He denies that James Capel has ever been put up for sale
— "The Hongkong

Bank isn't in the business of buying and selling busi-nesses" — but admits that he has now turned his attentions to the firm's Far Eastern operations. The axe is still poised and sharp. No-body, however, could accuse Asher

of wielding it from afar. He is handson, visible, and operates an open-door policy to the end. That also means he is fully aware of the trauma redundancies can cause.

"One of the house rules here is that anybody who wanted to see me in their period of redundancy was able to do so." he says. "They can say some pretty hurtful and tart things to you." He glosses over the details. He has a habit of glossing over anything he regards as unimportant or that he would rather not discuss - his political skills in action.

Those left behind do not harbour hurtful or tart thoughts. Asher is not the type of operator to salvage the bottom line on the balance sheet at the expense of personal relationships. He is aware of the importance of team



Product of a whirlwind romance: Bernard Asher and his Russian wife, Batia, form the hub of a close family

spirit, of the need to make people feel secure and indispensible. Many of his underlings will readily admit that his presence made them nervous when he first arrived. He was seen as Hongkong Bank's hatchet man. Some employees resented his decision to ban chauffeur-driven cars, others felt unhappy at not having a boss steeped in the culture of the firm. They muttered about his thick spectacles, joked that they made it impossible for him to see where he was going, and complained that he knew nothing about stockbroking. They were quick to pick up on his occasional faux pas in the dealing room. Asher, in more ways than one, was a break with

However, he was also in possession of an exceptionally good brain and a sharp wit. He learns fast. He never made the same faux pas twice. Some more junior employees still complain that they do not know him as well as they knew his forerunners, but that is hardly surprising, given that most of them had been with the firm for more than 20 years before reaching the top. Whether begrudgingly

or not, most now acknowledge his professional ability. He has earned their respect in a surprisingly short time. He is a demanding boss, a tough negotiator and, in a business environment, can occasionally appear distant and austere. But he is also increasingly popular as a manager and morale is running high. Some of his more senior colleagues are even tipping him for the top job at Hongkong Bank. One says: "Six or seven years ago, he was regarded as just a good, solid board director. Then he became a trouble-shooter, sorted out Wardleys [the merchant bank of which he is also chairman] and now he has sorted out James Capel as well. That has to make him a

potential candidate.' In the midst of Capel's redundancy programme it might have seemed otherwise - his eyes harden and his voice becomes colder and more purposeful at the very mention of redundancy — but Asher, for all his logic, does have a heart. He is a warm human being, a close family man who will sometimes talk twice a day on the telephone to each of his three children, two of whom work in New York. "We treat the telephone far too casually in order to speak to them, to stay in touch. They are

terribly important to me." He married his Russian wife, Batia, who was studying textile design at the Central School of Arts and Crafts, after a whirlwind romance lasting five months. That is not the act of a cold or dispassionate man. He enjoys the company of strong, intelligent women, admits that he much prefers working with women —
"They have much less side and you don't have to worry about their egos" - and he is one of the few Business Profile interviewees to have cited a woman, other than his wife, as his best friend. Yet his is not one of the names ever mentioned when people gossip about extra-marital affairs. He is a

strong and committed male. That best friend, Yvonne Sarch, a headhunter and the wife of Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, the MP and leader of the British delegation to the Western European Union. says: "Women are very task orientated and so is Bernard. He is that rare breed, an intellectual businessman. He has wonderful con-

versation, is good company and has good social skills, but he is no joke to work with. He gives everybody time and space, but he also gives you sufficient rope to hang yourself. He will pick up on anything that you might have dropped. You have to perform. He is not a shouter or a yeller. I have never seen him lose his temper, he would use words instead. It means that you rise to his level of expectation. He is a nurturer." A nurturer in a paternal, almost professorial way.

Academia is a world in which Asher feels very much at home. A graduate of the London School of Economics — he got a 2:1 in economics — he delighted in the company of lecturers, professors and students. He was less enthusiastic about his first job. as a graduate trainee with S Japhet, the merchant bank. "I did about a year there and didn't enjoy it at all. It was a pen-pushing age, fearfully tedious. There were no computers. vou had to spend hours reckoning columns of figures." He was saved by an invitation from his LSE professor to become a research

assistant for the Royal Commis-

sion on Banking. He became researcher for the leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers and the TUC. "It was a period when the government was pumping huge sums into the nationalised industries and you had this feeling of being at the centre of things. Anything in Whitehall gives you that headiness, however frustrating the job."
As for his political learning.

Asher dismisses being a market economist as a professional training. As a student, he campaigned for the Liberal party in a Greater London Council election he once voted, by accident, for the Com-munist party. He has been known to vote Labour, but he believes he will probably vote Conservative at the next general election.

is benevolent attitude towards society has been nurrured despite a Born in Highgate, raised in East Anglia, he was the youngest of eight children. His mother died when he was four, his father looked after a variety of business investments, derived from inherited money, which stemmed from a shoe manufacturing business. He also collected cars. Asher, perhaps as a consequence, has a total disinterest in vehicles, and insists that he can distinguish neither makes nor colours. He lives in an expensive residential square in Knightsbridge — "I like to call it Hyde Park Corner, it sounds less upmarket" - but he is not overly

materialistic. His gold watch is fastened with a fabric strap.

As he speaks, although he is not used to giving interviews. Asher sits back in his chair. He is relaxed. He behaves as if he has all the time in the world, even though one look at his daily schedule tells you otherwise.

He is slightly overweight, of medium height and impeccably dressed. It is instantly apparent that he enjoys conversation and that he listens exceptionally well. He reads voraciously, with three or four books on the go at one time. and that, too, shows. His conversation is littered with references to novels, historical reference books that if he could have chosen any other career, it would have been as an historian. "An economic historian, of course," he says. Is that a career he might one day pursue. tucked away in a country cottage?
He laughs scornfully. "No. I don't see myself tucked away in a cottage." he says. "The reading room at the British Museum would be more to my taste, with a tremendous supply of books."

WEEK ENDING

Matthew Bond

Slipping a muzzle on those barking bankers

JOHN Major and his advis-ers have made the restoration of the public's faith in the financial services industry a top priority in the runup to the general election. The prime minister believes the electorate - sorry, public — is sick of the scenes of financial mayhem that have become virtually a daily occurence. If it's not Blue Arrow or Barlow Clowes, then it's the latest set of results from the high street banks and insurance companies. Mr Major has decided that enough is enough.

So, together with the pow ers that be at the Bank of England, the government is this weekend drafting emergency legislation to be laid before parliament as soon as possible. With Mr Major confident that he has finally come up with a sure-fire vote winner, the measures are expected to be announced in the Chancellor's forthcoming Budget speech.

Experts who have seen early drafts of the Dangerous Bankers Bill say it contains some of the most Draconian measures the financial services industry has ever devised. But the prime minister is determined to stamp out weeks in which the high street banks announce bad debt provisions of £5.6 billion and plans to make a further 12,000 or so voters sorry, staff - redundant this

The first hints of the bill's measures were contained in a speech made by Eddie George, the deputy governor of the Bank of England, who indicated that the banks' col-lective problems could have been avoided. "If we had been successful in keeping animal spirits on a shorter leash, the subsequent economic and social trauma would have been less." But Mr Major, mindful of

the electoral trauma that could follow, believes short leashes are simply not en-ough to curb the Rottweller lending instincts of Britain's banks. He wants the Dangerous Bankers Bill to require the more ferocious breeds of



banker to be muzzled. Singled out for particularly corporate lending departments, whose willingness to lend tens of millions of pounds to anyone with a sharp suit and a silver tongue means they have now taken over from their colleagues in Third World Lending as the Dogos Argentinos of banking. This most dangerous of specially trained lending animal will have to be muzzled at most times, but particularly while on golf courses, in three-star restaurants and on improbably expensive sum-

The bill has a rather different set of controls in mind for the corporate financier, superficially a rather more civilised breed, but in reality a highly strung animal prone to occasional bouts of astonishing financial savagery. The corporate financier will be allowed to roam unrestrained in public, but must be tightly muzzled and leashed the moment it goes into a meeting, particularly any meeting held late at night when the breed is generally considered to be at its most dangerous.

Slightly surprisingly, the Bill specifies a third category of banker requiring restraint, the group regional manager. Like the corporate financier,

regional managers will be free to roam at large, but must be muzzled when receiving stressful telephone calls from branch managers wanting a decision on the latest batch of small business loan applications.

Lord Alexander of NatWest and Sir John Quinton of Barclays this week made last-ditch efforts to avert the impending legislation, promising to restore order to the lending pits. "Tosa" Alexander admitted that some of the Bank of England's criticisms were valid. There were undoubtedly some departures from the principle of sound lending," he grudgingly growled. "Pit Bull" Quinton promised that reforms were already in hand. "We are looking carefully at risk management

procedures," he barked. The prime minister, how-ever, believes action is needed now. Indeed with Royal Insurance and Commercial Union getting the composite insurers well on their way to a £1.3 billion aggregated loss, not to mention the rich vein of scandal at Lloyd's of London, Mr Major is giving serious thought to a parallel Dangerous Insurers Bill. The industry, though, is confident of averting any such leg-islation. After all, they say, if the bill doesn't sink, it will almost certainly subside. Doesn't everything?

Sir John believes the prime minister's plan does have a terrier-tempting Achilles heel. No one can have failed to notice that Mr Major looks in need of £55 million for a little vote-winner he's cooking up in Manchester. But Sir John, wearing his weekend hat of chairman of the incipient Premier League, has also noted that Chelsea — the prime minis-ter's favourite football club has been given just two weeks to come up with £23 million or face eviction from its Stamford Bridge ground. Now, a £78 million loan syndicated six ways at Libor mi-nus ... well what shall we say, prime minister? Quick,

US growth revised upwards

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WASHINGTON

THE American economy grew at an annual rate of 0.8 per cent in the final quarter of last year, significantly greater than thought, the government said yesterday.

The commerce department said the upward revision in the gross domestic product was due to new-found strength in consumer spending and a larger build-up in unsold inventories.

The revised 0.8 per cent rate of GDP growth was more than double the 0.3 per cent estimated a month ago. While analysts were happy to see stronger consumer demand, they worried that the unwanted build-up in inventories will force production cutbacks and depress growth in the early part of 1992. The pick-up in growth was

not accompanied by any resurgence of inflation. A GDP index measuring a changing basket of goods rose at an annual rate of 1.7 per cent in the final quarter, its best performance since 1965.

While the revision was likely to strengthen the argument of the Bush administration and others that the recession did indeed end last spring economists noted that the anaemic growth rates since then have not been enough to make most Americans feel better times have arrived. Indeed, the unemployment

rate has continued to rise because growth has not been strong enough to absorb new workers into the work force. Most analysis believe the economy will rebound in the April-June quarter as the low the Federal Reserve spur demand in key sectors such as housing and car sales. But the 1.3 per cent average growth over the past three quarters is far below the 6 per cent average recorded in the first year

of a normal rebound. The GDP performance for the whole year was unchanged, however, with the total economy declining by 0.7 per cent, the first annual setback since the

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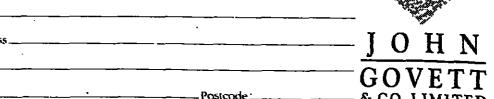
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Lloyds Chemists bids for growth

and Brent Walker will testify, companies that have grown rapidly via a series of increasingly ambitious acquisitions are not flavour of

the month in the City. While observers of Lloyds Chemists praise its dramatic earnings and share price growth over the past five years, they also question whether this is a company that has to acquire to maintain its growth.

The question becomes more pertinent assuming the group succeeds with its £93.6 million bid for Macarthy. That deal will give Lloyds approximately 835 stores to Boots the Chemists 1,050, and Boots is the market leader.

In one sense Lloyds does have to acquire to grow. Unlike other retail groups, it cannot simply open new shops; they require licences to dispense prescription drugs and these are not handed out willy-nilly.

Lloyds shareholders may consider 24.4 times Macarthy's 1991 earnings a high price to pay for a chain that comes with approxi-

sure savings and the sale of peripheral parts of the business, Lloyds would have the cash to reduce those debts if it so chooses.

The deal dilutes earnings slightly for Lloyds in the current financial year to June, but enhances earnings the following year. Warburg is estimating pre-tax profits of £52.5 million for the year to June 1993, giving 28.3p of earnings. Prior to the bid the pre-tax forecast was £39 million. giving 27.6p of earnings.

For Macarthy shareholders the issue is clearer. They can accept the bid, which values the shares at 337p. take the cash alternative of 305p or sell in the market for around 318p. Those looking for a cheap way into Lloyds should buy Macarthy at 318p and ac-cept the offer of one Lloyds share, currently valued at 327p, for each Macarthy. The Macarthy shares also qualify for a 5p dividend payable on April 6. Arbitra-geurs have the option of accepting the bid and then selling the Lloyds shares in

CapCo stays flat

say that its problems are those of success seems a curious way to summarise a year of unprecedented gloom for the property sector. Capital was speaking in particular of its huge Thur-rock Lakeside retail park, which accounts for a third of its property portfolio.

The initial valuation of Lakeside at £325 million was disappointing. It was £40 million short of management estimates at the time of the June rights issue and held net asset value at 283p a share, compared with a forecast of 312p in

The company blames the further economic downturn in the autumn. As well as Thurrock, Capital has two

FOR Capital & Counties to other big retail schemes. started in the mid-Eighties but still not fully let.

Capital is almost 80 per cent owned by South African TransAtlantic Holdings, so trading in the shares is thin. However, the disappointing asset figure was sufficient to move them 14p lower to 166p yesterday. The numbers will be studied with interest because the company is the first big property group to

report on 1991. South African support means the company will not have to sell assets cheaply to keep going. But there seems no reason why the shares, on a 41 per cent should appreciate greatly

US approval for Zovirax lifts Wellcome shares

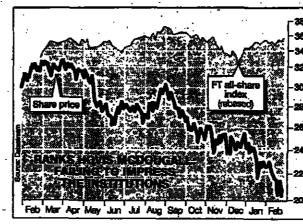
AMERICA'S Food and Drug Administration gave shares in Wellcome a boost when it gave final approval for the group to start marketing Zovirax in America for the treatment of chicken-pox in children. The share price touched Ell.46 before closing llp dearer at £11.26 on a turnover of almost 2 million shares. Zovirax was developed to treat herpes, but it is now used to treat shingles and chicken-pox.

BZW said that this will boost sales. Chicken-pox is no longer regarded as a serious problem, but Zovirax will shorten the time span of the illness and prevent secondary infections. Sales of Zovirax are expected to have grown from £375 million to £452

million last year. Meanwhile, there was little cheer for investors elsewhere in the equity market as share prices continued to fluctuate within narrow limits. Turn-over remained thin and, despite this week's steady trickle of bad news, there were few sellers about. The FT index. down more than 10 points earlier, finished just 0.1 of a point up, at 2.562.1, with investors keeping their pow-der dry before the Budget. Government securities were also dull, with prices falling

£4 at the longer end. BAA recovered to close unchanged at 580p despite a profit downgrading by Hoare Govett, the broker. Whitbread's A shares fell 5p to 460p as Kleinwort Banson 460p as Kleinwort Benson, the broker, cut its profit forecast for the current year. WPP, the advertising agen-

cy, jumped another 10p to 110p in response to Thurs day's news of a big client signing up. The shares have now trebled since December. Ranks Hovis McDougall lost 5p to 202p on the back of a presentation for fund managers, arranged by Smith New Court, the broker. Stanley Metcalfe, the chairman, was unable to allay their fears about the current difficult



trading conditions and the recent management changes. Smith New Court has reduced its pre-tax profits forecast by £10 million to £105 million for the current year

the food retailers, Kwik Save feli 12p to 566p as Kleinwort Benson cut its forecast for the current year. ICI advanced' 9p to £12.93 on further con-

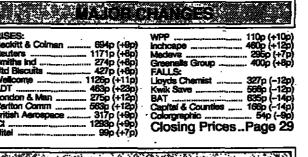
thwaite, the broker. Among

BAT Industries, which owns the Eagle Star insurance company, fell 14p to 635p — making a two-day drop of 25p. Dealers are becoming increasingly worried about further provisions relating to mortgage indemnities at Eagle Star. A line of 2 million BAT shares came on offer late on Thursday and was continuing to hang over the market yesterday.

million for the following year.

Dalgety fared a little better, with a rise of 3p to 391p, after making a favourable impression on Henderson Cros-

and by £15 million to £110 sideration of Thursday's fullyear figures. The speculators seemed to be taking the view that the long, drawn-out battle for Macarthy may soon be over with the shares sliding



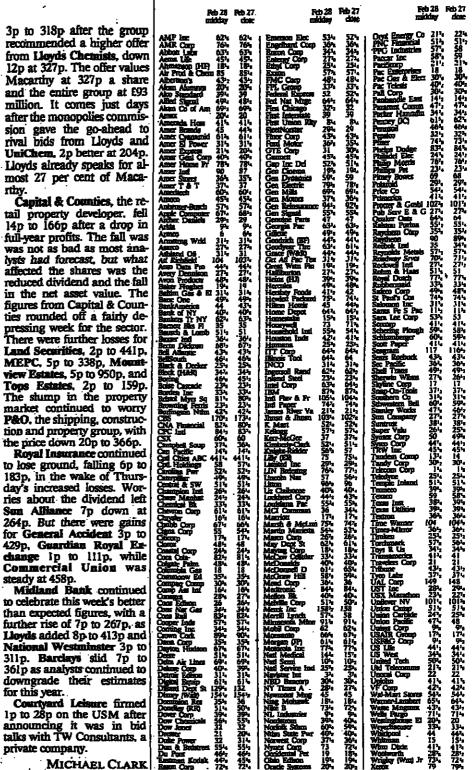
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New York — The Dow Jones industrial average was 10.51 points higher at 3,279.96 just before midday. The bond market edged higher, giving support to shares. One dealer said: "Bonds are definitely helping out today."

□ Tokyo -- Shares ended mixed after a day of snail-like movement. The Nikkei index

was up by only 5.11 points, or 0.02 per cent, to 21,338.81. Turnover was about 180 million shares yesterday compared with 222 million shares on Thursday, putting this month's estimated average daily volume below 200 million shares for the first time since mid-1982.



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Pension confusion increases

ensions should be straight-forward and easy to under-stand if people are to be able to make the right decisions at the right time to safeguard their old age. This week, another complication has been added for many of the 4.6 million people who have taken out personal pensions since 1988 and contracted out of the state earnings-related pensions

Just as those aged more than 40 were considering whether they should opt back into the state scheme, they are told they are to receive a 1 per cent bonus from 1993 at a cost of £175 million a year. In fact, because the rebate for those aged 30 and less is to be cut from 5.8 per cent to 4.8 per cent for the next five years, there will be no change in the standard rebate for those over 30.

They will, however, still receive

They will, however, still receive less paid into their pension plan by the government from April 1993 in return for not being a burden on its pay-as-you-go top-up scheme because the incentive bonuses come to an end then.

Most people would rather make one decision and stick by it. Unfortunately, those over 40 still need to think about returning to the state top-up system when the incentive bonuses finish unless they are persuaded, from performance to date, that their particular personal pension is going to outparform the heartists arounded.

outperform the benefits promised by the state system. Although much has been made of the age-related bonus, not a lot has changed for those over 40. Men over 45 should be looking at returning to the state scheme and

women over 40 ought to be considering moving back.

They are better off than they would have been if the government actuary's recommendation that the rebate should be reduced to 4.68 per cent across the board had been adopted. That would have brought down the age for companies and financial advisers moving back into the thirties for are reluctant to tell policyholders



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women and early forties for men. By the time all those in the pensions age trap have made their decisions it will be time to assess the situation again, when the state earnings-related pension scheme is altered to take account of the equalisation of pension ages. equalisation of pension ages.

The system is too complex and there are too many interests being served other than those of the employees. Serps does not want people flooding back after having had years of bonuses for leaving the scheme. Some pension companies and financial advisers

that they would be better off returning to the state scheme. The two-tier rebate system will, no doubt, be used to confuse the issue

No deterrent

Banks fought long and hard for the right to circulate the names and addresses of customers round their insurance and investment arms so they could be inundated with mailshots about life assurance and personal equity plans, even if all they had or wanted was a current account. Customers who do not welcome this intrusion finally

appeared to have won the day.

The new banking code, which comes into operation on March 16, bans the passing on of information to other banking companies without the "express consent" of the customer.

However, this does not deter at least one of the high street banks, TSB, from saying in its new terms of business this week that it will continue to give customers' names to other parts of the bank unless customers expressly say they do

not want this to happen.

Customers who go into a branch and carry out a transaction 28 days after they have received the terms and conditions will automatically trigger off mailshots as they will be assumed to have given their consent. TSB will be able to continue

consent by sending a document to customers that makes its purpose absolutely clear. If it is the case, as TSB claims, that most people want mailshots, then banks will get a lot of mail themselves.

mailshotting with impunity. It can safely rely on many of its customers giving its terms of business booklet a cursory glance, at most, then throwing it in the bin or putting it in a drawer, unaware that the onus is on them to stop the flow of unwanted investment offers.

Another invidious method of

getting customers to give consent, which cannot be called "express", comes from the Abbey National. Under the guise of an offer for a year's free insurance (which closes two weeks after the code comes into operation) the bank says that the information on the form will be passed on. At least the Abbey had the grace to say the form would be changed. All this goes against the spirit of a banking code developed mainly as a result of customer pressure.

Banks should ask for express

Keeping up with new, untaxed benefits is a constant battle for the revenue-gatherers

Golden device to avoid tax

BY LINDSAY COOK, WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

SOME employees are being paid in solid gold rather than cash to avoid National Insurance contributions. The schemes have been created by leading firms of accountants and other tax advisers after the ban last year on payment of wages in the form of unit trusts to avoid the tax.

Now employers are paying substantial bonuses in gold and vouchers. One scheme offers employees vouchers ranging from Marks & Spen-

The gold is held offshore so that no value-added tax has to be paid, and the payments can be organised so that the currency or gold price fluctuations. Others limit the risk of market fluctuations to a day for the employee before the gold is sold and cash is paid to their British bank accounts.

The schemes have been devised to save employers mil-lions of pounds in National Insurance contributions at 10.4 per cent on bonuses. Gold is mainly being used to pay bonuses to highly paid employees at merchant banks, investment banks and securities houses. It is a recent innovation since Tony Newton, the social security minister, announced on November 6 that NI contributions would be levied on earnings

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paid in shares or unit trusts. The move was to stop £25 million a year being lost in NI contributions on about £250 million paid in non-cash bonuses. In the main, companies paid staff in cash unit trusts, which have no initial charge and are subject to no market risk or bid-offer

spread. While the employees paid in gold usually earn too much to save any NI contributions of their own, as these are paid only on income of up to £390 a week, they are able to strike a deal with their employers to split the tax saved by the company in return for the inconvenience and possible risk of the gold falling in value or the dollar moving against the pound before it can be

For the schemes to avoid NI contributions the bonus has to be expressed in gold rather than sterling. The employee is paid so many ounces of bullion — worth about \$350 an ounce — which is typically held in Hong Kong or America.

To make this worthwhile, the companies should have bonuses of £250,000 to 6500.000 to pay. A tax part-ner in one of the largest firms of accountants who did not want to be identified for fear of attracting official attention to his scheme, said that schemes which insulated both parties from risk could find the case of Heaton v Bell (1970) applied against them. They would then have to pay the NI contributions as well

as the fees for the scheme. Lesley Ferrar, tax partner, at KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, said: "Almost all accountancy firms are prepared to give advice on allo-cated gold. Some companies have already paid bonuses in

"The gold needs to be out-side the UK and you need a bank to hold the gold. Almost every bank has stocks of gold that can be used.

"It costs fees to put a scheme in place for a client. We do not have a set scheme as such; we advise and will then tailor-make to individual requirements. Some large UK companies have big bonus bills. Banks may pay E5,000 to E10,000 to an individual employee but they have large staffs eligible. With 100 staff there can be a whacking bonus bill."

She continued: "We are in the peak bonus season. Many year ends are in December or March. Bonuses are paid shortly afterwards. This year it is particularly important



Bonus time: Lesley Ferrar, tax partner at KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock

that they are paid quickly as bonuses are taxed on a receipt basis. Those paid after April 5 could be caught by a 50 per cent rate of income tax if Labour wins the election."

Price Waterhouse has a gold scheme in place. Michael Eldridge, managing con-sultant responsible for the scheme said it had received a surge of enquiries on how to pay bonuses and some firms were advancing payment

While the gold schemes are attractive for companies with relatively few staff receiving large bonuses, vouchers are intended for wider use. This ek the Motivation Marketing Board, a company set up last year to provide incentive schemes for businesses, issued counsel's opinion to leading chartered accountants that voucher schemes legitimately escape National Insurance contributions and VAT. It offers 156 types of voucher which are redeemable in 42,473 outlets.

Gill Edwards, its principal, said the largest single bonus it had paid for a company to an employee was £50,000. He used vouchers to have a conservatory built in his garden, and to have the

negotiated with the company to split the tax saving and took a Caribbean holiday. A typical scheme would in-

volve £500,000 split among 350 employees, said Mrs Ed wards. Usually the companies selected the staff and the amounts they were to receive. and the employees then chose the vouchers. "We did one scheme for

150 middle managers and they all seemed to want something different. One person wanted to spend a lot on luxury goods at Selfridges and to have a lavish weekend in a hotel, and at the other end of the scale someone wanted supermarket vouchers to pay for his groceries for six months."

The current voucher scheme is intended for bonuses of £100 to £7,500. The company plans to launch a new scheme on March 11 the day after the Budget - for bonuses of £15,000 to £100,000.

Vouchers are subject to income tax as a benefit in kind but are exempt from NI. This means that employees who earn less than £390 - £405 after April 6 - save up to 9 per cent in NI contributions and their employers save a

Perks under pressure

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THOSE who receive cheap travel, goods or services as a perk of their job are almost certain to have to pay more tax on these even if the Inland Revenue loses an appeal in the House of Lords.

The result of the appeal is imminent and the Revenue is thought likely to win. Even if it loses, it is set to undertake a review of the way it taxes these benefits, which is likely to result in a bigger tax bill for the majority of employees

The Revenue said it was still waiting for a result. "We recognise there are inherent problems and have continuing discussions with

At the end of 1990, the Court of Appeal upheld a Revenue decision that employees must pay tax on the average cost of any benefit. The average cost would include an element of overhead costs like storage, heating and transport of goods for each employee. Staff would then pay tax on the difference

between what they paid and this average cost.

Nine masters at Malvern College, the independent public school, had brought the case, known as Pepper v Hart, to the Court of Appeal. They sent their children to the

school but paid only 20 per cent of the normal fees. They argued that they should have to pay tax only on the additional cost of educating their children, but the Revenue argued successfully that the tax should be paid on the average cost of the benefit, which would include an element of overheads like teachers' salaries, heating and other run-ning costs. This would lead to the masters being assessed for

because the average cost would be higher than the additional cost. The masters then appealed to the Lords. There is no option for a further appeal, unless the case goes to the European court.

tax on a higher benefit

Clive Tulloch, partner at opers & Lybrand Deloitte,

the chartered accountant. said: "The betting is that the Revenue will win. The trouble for employees is that, whatever the outcome, a review will be undertaken of how this tax

will work." Employers are unlikely to be faced with the potential administrative nightmare of having to calculate their overheads per employee. Instead, the average benefit could be worked out using a formula. perhaps along the lines of scale charges for company cars, Mr Tulloch said. Any formula to calculate an average benefit will almost certainly mean higher tax bills

for the majority.

"Potentially this case affects everyone in the travel industry, working on trains, tubes, planes and most buses, everyone in the retail industry who gets cheap clothes, those in hotels and catering who get cheap food, and anyone else with perks," said Mr Tulloch. Any change in the tax rules was unlikely to result in em-

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Bumpy road for the company car

MORE employees could be offered the choice between having a company car or as standard to many employees. In the a higher salary as the result of a VAT tribunal ruling this week. Employers have been waiting for the ruling since

the Co-operative Insurance Society in Manchester would not have to pay VAT on salary sacrificed by an employee in return for a company car. The company had offered some staff the choice of car or higher salary. Cus-

toms & Excise had argued that the

salary differential for those with cars

The tribunal ruled on Wednesday that

was in effect payment for the vehicle on which VAT was payable. Keith Miers, VAT partner at Arthur Andersen, the chartered accountant, said: "What has been preventing employers from offering more flexible deals was this controversial VAT case. It is unprecedented to have to wait this

long for a ruling and it has been a major Mr Miers calculated that if an emplovee chose £18,000 a year plus company car, rather than £21,000 with no Car, the company would have faced a VAT bill of £447 on the £3,000 difference, if the tribunal decision had gone

This decision will now open the way for more flexible benefit packages. Some employers are already re-examin-

tax year 1988-9, the latest figures available, the Inland Revenue reported that 64 per cent of those with taxable benefits had private use of a company car, and over half the taxable value of bene-fits was attributable to company cars. However, in last year's Budget the

Chancellor announced that employers would start to pay national insurance on company cars. This was on top of a further increase in the tax scales for company cars, bringing the total to a 220 per cent rise since 1987.

These two moves have reduced the attraction of company cars as a benefit for many. In addition, running costs and expenses are a big burden for

Martin Myerscough, consultant at Arthur Andersen, said: "National insurance on company cars concentrated people's minds. From the employer's point of view they were already looking at company cars with a jaundiced eye. Company cars are not normally provided in other countries and were introduced here as a way round the wage

restraints of the Seventies." Arthur Andersen calculated that the total annual cost for an employer of providing an employee with a Ford Sier-ra LX worth £11,464 would be £4,377 after tax. The calculation assumes 10,000 a year of business mileage and 3,000 private mileage. The cost to the employer is reduced to £4,094 if the employee buys the car and a fixed-profit car scheme is applied. The employee in these circumstances would be paid an extra £5,002 and would be equally well

 Mr Myerscough said, however, that it was difficult to establish a pattern showing which employers and employees would do better without company cars. There are major variables such as the cost of borrowing for car loans. Some individuals are better credit risks than others," he said. Other costs, like depreciation and tax rates, also varied,

Calculations by Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the chartered accountant, show that an employer could save up to £537 offering a cash alternative rather than a company two-litre Ford Sierra GLX car to an employee doing 17,000 business miles a year. But a cash alter-native would cost an employer £619 extra for an employee doing only 2,600 business miles a year.

Costs to employees remain constant in this example, but Clive Tulloch, partner at Coopers, said over 50 per cent of employees were probably better off with a company car than cash.

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Stage set for unit trust charge cuts

Lindsay Cook gauges reaction to Murray Johnstone's decision to reduce funds' initial fees

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MURRAY JOHNSTONE. the Scottish investment group, has cut the initial charges on its ten unit trusts to 1 per cent. Other groups cutting the front-end charge on specific funds. The industry average is 5 to 6 per

The move, which emulates many of the leading mutual funds in America, should make it cheaper to invest in companies through unit trusts than to buy individual shares. Vanguard, one of the largest American investment groups, had planned to bring its low-charge

funds to Britain this year but put the would belong plans on ice after talking to unit trust groups in Loncompetitively don last year. Many groups already unofficially cut the charge

amounts on all their funds for direct investors, when asked to do so. But because much of their business comes from brokers who are usually paid commission of up to 4 per cent, it is unlikely that other groups will cut their charges across the board.

About six new unit trusts with low initial charges have been in the planning stages for some time but the groups concerned have not yet felt the markets are ready for the launches. Philip Warland, director general of the Unit Trust Association, said he

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the pricing of unit trusts. The investment trust industry has stolen a march on unit trusts with their inexpensive savings schemes and low front-end charges in the four years since the stock market

welcomed any initiatives on

M&G's first investment trust last autumn, which had similar charges to the group's unit million during its offer period. The current M&G investment trust offering has reduced its initial charge to 3.99 per cent. Tim Miller, marketing di-

rector M&G, unit plans to re-duce the initial charge on priced product "its unit trusts." evitable that someone would,

look at cutting the front-end charge. I think that most unit holders who hold their funds for respectable lengths of time will benefit from having lower annual fees," he said. M&G charges 0.75 per cent on income funds and 1 per cent on others. Murray Johnstone is in-

creasing the annual management charge on three of its funds to 1.5 per cent. Fidelity has no front-end

charge on its cash unit trust and its gilts and fixed-interest fund. Victoria Phillip, cor-

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and a woman aged 20 would receive £28,000 for a £9 pre-

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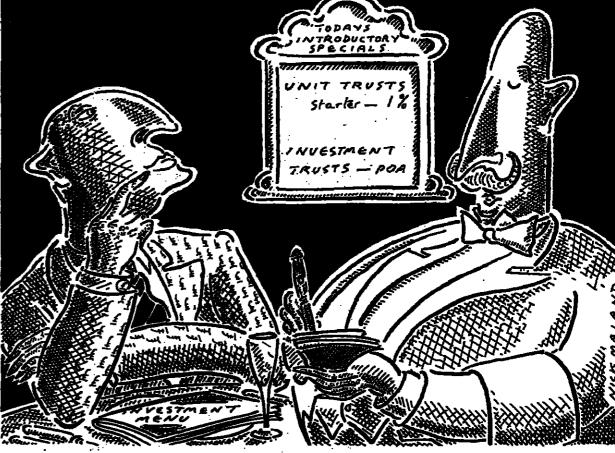
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ger, said of the Murray Johnstone move: "It was half expected that this would hap-. A lot of people have been looking at the economics. Fidelity has no-load funds in the States. Vanguard also came over to look at our market but I think they decided that it was a bit early for our market to go that way. We'll ali watch. We are always reviewing how best to market unit trusts. If this move draws attention to unit trusts, it is of interest to all of us."

Lazard Unit Trust Managers removed its front-end charges in 1988 and has seen funds under management in-crease from £70 million to

£175 million since the change. Philip Stevens, director of Lazard Unit Trusts, said: "Experience in America suggested that the real future of the industry would belong to the more competitively priced product manager."

Hill Samuel intends to offer reductions on the initial charges on its 18 unit trusts when selling direct to inves-tors. This will often reduce the charge to 2 per cent. The company is also planning to cut the charges on its offshore

Murray Johnstone receives a high proportion of its busi-ness from large brokers who

than for commission. Smaller brokers tend to rely on commission and have tended to avoid recommending invest-ment trusts with their low initial charges and com-

Brokers who sell the Murray Johnstone funds will receive a renewal fee of 0.5 per cent from the group. It had planned to limit this to those who provided £100,000 of business but has been by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation it cannot do

Murray Johnstone has

trust funds under its manage ment and £136 million of unit trusts. Its investment trusts tend to be more general in nature and the unit trusts have more specific investment aims. The exception to this is the Murray Acumen fund, which broadly mirrors a pension fund with 65 per cent in UK equities, 20 to 25 per cent in overseas equities and the rest in cash and

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Since the lower fees were announced, Murray Johnstone has received support from many brokers and one anonymous letter that read "no commission - no busi-

Commission without advice

INVESTORS placing a hump sum in an tment trust savings scheme could find they have to pay up to 4 per cent to sion to an adviser, even if

they approach the company direct. Ivory & Sime, the investment trust my, charges a 4 per cent initial fee to all investors in its lump sum savings scheme, regardless of whether they apply through the company or use an adviser. Of this, 3 per cent is the com-mission that would be paid to a financial adviser, with the remaining 1 per cent for administration. Stewart Ivory, whose Scottish American trust has been running since 1873, makes an initial charge of 3 per cent for lump sum investments, which would be the com-

Companies' latest monthly information bulletin says most investment trust companies charge 1 per cent, at most. Many have no initial charge, except a cent, for buying shares in the invest-

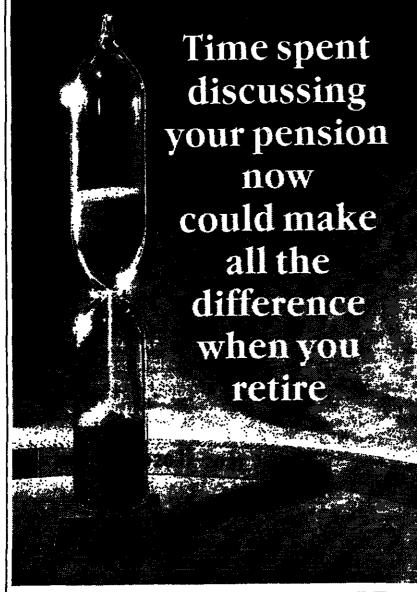
ment trust company. Fiona Mouro, director of information at the AITC, said: "All investors will pay is a stockbroker's commission if they know what they want and take advice from a stockbroker. With investment trust savings schemes it is up to the managers to charge, but if they do, there are no stockbroking charges." Unit trusts generally charge an initial fee of between 5 and 6 per cent, which represents the difference, or spread, between the buying and selling prices of the

Alan McFarlane, a director at Ivory & Sime, said that the company wanted to encourage people investing lump sums approach the company direct. "We want get advice from somewhere," he said. Investors could avoid the deduction of the initial charge if they were prepared to pay a fee to an adviser but could not escape it by going direct to Ivory &

Stewart Ivory introduced a lump sum savings scheme 18 months ago for investments of £2,000 and more. Those with hump sums to invest should take advice before committing themselves and the company does not want to discourage this by charging less to those

who make a direct approach.
Saving regularly in an investment trust will not, however, cost as much. There is no fee for Ivory & Sime's regular savings scheme. Stewart Ivory charges a setting-up fee of £10 on its regular savings plan. There are no deal-

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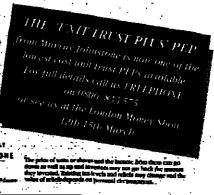
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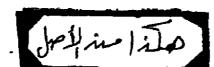
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P.L.C., a new split capital investment trust with a planned life of ten years. The investment objective will be to provide Package Unit holders with an attractive total return from investing in the shares of companies which show potential for "recovery" but which are going through a difficult period, as well as from the income produced from those shares.

Underlying investment is in M&G Recovery Investment Trust

The Manager will continually seek new holdings to replace those where the prospects of recovery appear to have been fulfilled or where they seem to have been ill-founded. The Company's portfolio will be managed by M&G Investment Management Limited along similar lines to the existing M&G Recovery unit trust. Package Units are being offered by the Company at 100p each. Each Package Unit will consist of one Zero Dividend Preference Share, one Income Share and one Capital Share.

Investment in the Package Unit will equate to investing in an ordinary share in an investment trust without a split capital structure. Package Units are designed to offer investors capital growth and growing income over the life of the Company. The initial forecast annual gross dividend yield at the offer price of 100p is 5%.

New Investors if you have not already subscribed to a general PEP for the 1991/92 tax year you can put between £1,000 and £6,000 of Package Units in the M&G PEP. You must apply beween 2nd and 27th March 1992.

Remember this opportunity closes at 2.00p.m. on 27th March 1992 after which date applications will not be accepted. Please note that investments can only be made in multiples of £1,000. Existing PEP Holders With effect from 3rd April 1992 condition 22(6)(a) of the PEP Terms and Conditions is amended to that contained in this advertisement. If you already have an M&G PEP which was not introduced through a financial adviser, M&G will be sending you a special form.

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Annual Charge M&G Recovery Investment Trust P.L.C. pays an annual investment management fee to MSG investment Management Limited of 0.75% plus VAT and a custodian fee, estimated to be 0.015% plus VAT, to Clydesdale Bank P.L.C.; both calculated on the net assets of the Company M&G PEP holders pay an additional annual management charge of 0.25°.

plus VAT to M&G Financial Services Limited How to Apply for the M&G PEP Complete the PEP application form and send it with your cheque or banker's draft to be received no later than 2.00p.m. on 27th March, 1992 at National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, PO Box 663, Hartcliffe Way, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS99 (XU. Applications received

after that date will be returned. Cashing in your Plan You can sell all or part of your holdings at any time by sending written instructions to us. If we receive your instructions before 11.00a.m the Package Units will be sold in the market at about 2.30p.m. that day at the market price. Instructions received after 11 00a.m. will be treated as received on the following business day. Reinvestment of these proceeds within your M&G PEP is not possible.

Further Information We will write to you confirming your investment towards the end of April You will receive the annual and half yearly Report and Accounts of the Company when they are published. Twice each year we send you a statement and valuation of your Plan made up to 5th April

Prices of Package Units will be quoted in the Financial Times. The price of shares and Package Units and the income from them can go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount you invested. The value to you of the tax benefits of a PEP will depend on your own circumstances. The tax regime of PEPs could change

Your rights as a planholder are defined by the Terms and Conditions of the M&G Personal Equity Plan set out in this

The Plan Manager is M&G Financial Services Limited, a member of IMRO, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Telephone (0245) 266266.

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NOTES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE M&G NEW 1991/92 £6,000 PEP APPLICATION FORM

If you have already subscribed to a 1991/92 general PEP with a manager other than M&G you cannot invest in the M&G PEP under this offer for the current tax year.

- This application form is designed to allow you to subscribe in the tax year running from 6th April 1991 to 5th April 1992.
- 2. Your National Insurance number can be found on your pay sko.

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Banks in the dock over fading returns on old accounts

BY LIZ DOLAN

A CASE under consideration by the banking ombudsman promises to extend the vexed question of "obsolete" building society accounts into the area of bank deposit accounts.

Monique Allan, a barrister, is asking the ombudsman to look into circumstances surrounding a sevenday deposit account she opened with Barclays in 1973. She said: "When I opened the account, it was the best available. I used it whenever I received large sums for which I had no immediate use."

The sums deposited dwindled during the late Eighties, when other requirements took precedence. The balance on the account remained less than £5,000 until October 1991, when she again needed to deposit a substantial sum. Her bank manager advised her to open a capital advantage account because

it offered a better rate of return than her existing account.

She said: "I was horrified to discover that, since April 1991, the deposit account had been paying just over I per cent. There must be millions of pounds sitting in these accounts subsidising the costs of bright shirty new products.

"Lots of people simply put a large amount of money into an account and live off the interest. They should be notified of any changes that affect their income. Banks are relying on the complete lethargy of the vast majority of their account holders."

Bardays said it was impossible to notify individual customers every time there was a rate change. A spokeswoman said: "We have 6 million personal customers. It would cost millions to tell them all. We advertise extensively in the press and in branches." There was also a Freefone number, 0800 400 100.

and 9 pm that carried all the rates.

Miss Allan said: "It's rubbish to a much higher rate." say they cannot notify everyone. They manage to tell us about all manner of things like travel insurance and personal loans when they send us our statements. Why can't they tell us about relevant rate changes at the same time? People don't necessarily read advertise-

When a bank reduces a rate to a derisory level, it has changed the nature of the product, Miss Allan argued. "My seven-day account was no longer an investment account. I was getting a lower rate of interest than Barclays' current account customers.

Deposit account holders with other banks are suffering similar prob-lems. Lloyds said: "We are phasing out our seven-day account. We are not marketing it any more and new

instant saver's account, which pays

Like Barclays, Lloyds is paying just over 1 per cent net on the "obsolete" account. The instant account pays 4.14 per cent net on sums of more than £5,000, rising to 4.89 per cent on £50,000-plus.

Lloyds said: "We have advertised the new accounts widely in the branches and in the national papers, as well as on the bottom of statements. We expect our customers to take charge of their own finances." By the end of this year, Lloyds will be recording current interest rates at the bottom of every.

National Westminster admitted that a number of its customers still had money in older, lower-paying accounts, but said: "There has been a lot of publicity in branches and the national press about the new ac-

customers are advised to open an counts. We also put inserts in state-instant saver's account, which pays ments and print information on service till screens.

Yorkshire Bank is an honorable exception. A spokeswoman said: "We don't have obsolete accounts; we simply improve the rate on the ones we've got. It's an increasingly competitive area, and I know a lot of the other banks have introduced new accounts to attract new money. leaving the old ones on lower rates. We don't do that.

"Our customers tell us they don't understand complicated rates tables, so we keep everything as simple as possible."

Yorkshire's seven-day deposit account pays 1.89 per cent on balances of less than £2,000, rising to 5.63 per cent on £10.000-plus. The one-month notice account, which allows instant access to £500 a month, pays 6.39 per cent on



"Horrified" at interest rate: Monique Allan

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Employee dismayed at savings payment delay

SAVE As You Earn schemes can prove a money spinner for employers, as well as for the workforce. An employee who joined Reed International's SAYE Sharesave scheme a year ago, was astonished to discover from his first annual statement that the money was credited to his account an average of 30 days after being deducted from his monthly salary cheque. One payment took 55 days to reach his

account (Liz Dolan writes). He said: "It strikes me as unethical to hang on to other

ey. I can't see why it doesn't go straight into my account as comes out of my pay packet. I find the whole thing very Money from Reed's SAYE scheme

is transferred into a sharethe Halifax building society. A spokes-man for the society said were cheques always datestamped on arrival and payment

credited to the saver's account from that date. The delay in this case payment by Reed Bob Birkhead. Halifax corporate business manager, said: "There does seem to be a considerable delay between Reed's payroll dates and re-

not alone among the society's SAYE clients in behaving in this fashion, he added. Nigel Davies, assistant

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company secretary at Reed, said the delay was probably due to the company's subsidiaries all having different pay dates. The company waited until every employee in the group had been paid before sending the monthly total to the Halifax. He said the delay would not make any difference to the amount payable at the end of the five-year term because "technically, the account doesn't pay interest, it pays a bonus". In its annual

British employees were involved in the scheme. A complex corporate structure does not necessarily lead to navment delays. ICI said its employees' SAYE contributions were always paid into relevant accounts immediately after deduction. The money was electronically transferred into individuals' accounts using the bankers' automated clearing services (BACS) sys-

Contracts set

National Savings, the country's largest SAYE operator, said it expected employ ers to deliver the money within six working days of deduction from salaries. About 80 per cent of employers complied with this re-quest. SAYE schemes are usually linked to a share option scheme, which can be exercised after either five or seven years, depending on the terms of the contract. The shares can be bought only report for the year to March from the proceeds of the 31, Reed said 2,684 of its savings scheme. The price of

> fixed at the be-ginning of the period and must not be less than 80 per cent of the market value of the shares at that time. Employees agree to pay a fixed monthly sum of between £10 and £250. If the options cised after five years, employees have three choices. They can use the accrued money to buy the shares, take the pro ceeds in cash; or let the contract run for a

further two years to earn an extra bonus. SAYE schemes pay generous bonuses at the five and seven-year stages. September 1, 1990, and August 31, 1991, attract a fiveyear bonus equal to 15 monthly payments, plus an annual interest payment of 5 per cent. If the saver opts to continue for a further two years, the bonus increases to 30 monthly payments.

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TSB is sending its 7 million customers its new terms of business this week before the code comes into operation on March 16. It will tell customers it is up to them to write to their branch if they do not want their names passed on, otherwise, "we can share information which you've given us with other companies in

the TSB group".

The bank continues that "for existing TSB customers, these general terms and conditions become effective 28 days after you have received them. If you use your account after this time, it will mean you have accepted them." Frank Wilson, TSB's mar-

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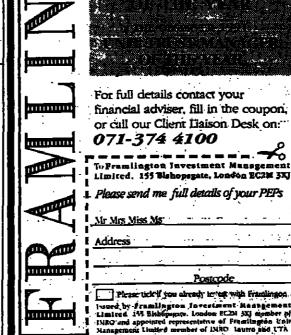
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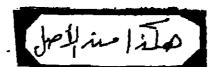
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Pensioners to compare notes on EC

With a 'parliament' about to meet in Luxembourg, Shriley Davenport looks

at retirement provisions across Europe

give them the best deal in state benefits when they meet in Luxembourg next month. More than 500 representatives of pensioners groups have been selected from almost every European Community constituency to pool information about pension levels in each country and state provisions in health and

housing.
Britain is not expected to score highly. When the EC last worked out the purchasing power of pensioners in each member country, based on 1986 figures, only Irish off than those in Britain. The

social security department says it is im-possible to compare like with like because each country operates a different system. Those countries expect their pay for medical treatment and such a compre-

hensive range of means-tested benefits as in Britain. However, British pensioners claim that since the earnings link with pension levels was scrapped in 1980, a single pensioner is now £15 a week poorer and a married

couple has lost £25 a week. Ken Coates, Nottingham MEP, said the object of the be to forge EC pensioner groups into a network to exchange information. One aim would be to level up benefits in countries with the

He added: "At present, the UK ranks preny low in the provision it makes for its pensioners. The pensioners' parliament is an experiment

THE pensioners of Europe to see what will happen when will discuss which countries pensioners have access to more information and can organise themselves to apply

Britain is one of the few countries to pay a flat-rate pension, combining it with an additional amount based on earnings for those not contracted out of the State Earnings Related Pension

Scheme (Serps).

Most other European countries pay earnings-relat-ed pensions and provide in-creases more frequently.

The Liberal Democrats and Labour have declared their intentions to raise the state pension and link it to average earnings if either

wing the general election. **'Countries** tries base pension increases that give on retail prices, but while that larger happens only once a year in pensions Britain, Spain and Portugal, may offer the adjustments are made twice fewer a year in France and Denmark, and three times benefits' a year in Greece. Ger-

many and The Netherlands link their pensions to wage trends, while the Italians use the difference between wagé rates and cost of living to calculate theirs.

Robert Stansfield, general secretary of the National Federation of Retirement Pensions Associations, said: There are two nations of pensioners in Britain. There are those with good occupational pensions and Serps, and others retired years ago with pensions and savings now eroded by inflation, being forced to claim means-

tested benefits." Even with the addition of Serps and graduated pensions, a British pensioner does less well than in most EC

Front line: Britain's elderly do not score highly when their pensions are compared with those in other European Community countries countries. In addition to £2,704 basic state pension, a man on an £18,000 salary, for instance, retiring after 40 years of national insurance

contributions, would receive

£48.78 a week Serps and E5.72 graduated pension, provided his salary had al-

ways maintained an equiva-lent level, making a total of £5,538 a year. A woman on £15,000 salary with only 30 years of contributions would receive a reduced flat-rate pension of £2,136.16 a year, which increases to £4,392 with a weekly £4 graduated pension

and £39.40 Serps. However, according to Eurobenefits, a group of em-ployee benefit

consultants, the two would fare other EC countries where state pensions are based on earnings. They wealthiest in Luxembourg, where the man would receive £15,356 a year, and the woman information? £7,050.

though retirement age is 65 for both, a reduced pension is payable for early retirement from the age of 60. The figures, relating to a single person's entitlement on January 1, are based on 125 per cent of national average earnings for the man, and on 175 per cent for the woman.

In Spain, where job category determines individual pensions, the man would receive a generous £11,705 a year if he had worked in administration. For the woman working in a clerical job, the annual

pension would be £8,427. The Italians, with a pensionable age of 60 for men and 55 for women, due to be raised to 65 for both by 2015, would pay the man £14,400 a year and the woman £9,000. In Belgium, in addition to the man's pension of £7,389 and the woman's £5,525, a small holiday allowance would be

paid in May.

France, which provides holiday discounts for pensioners, depending on the size of pension, would pay the same man £7,320 a year and let him retire at 60, while in Germany, where men have the option of retiring on an unreduced pension at 63, until the year 2001, he would

receive £8,307. The Danish pension system, with the basic paid at a flat rate of about £4,153. would allow both man and woman £5,948, which in-

chides a meanstested supplement and additional pen-'What will sion from the happen mandatory lab-our market penwhen sion plan for employees. In The Netherpensioners lands, where a have access flat-rate pen-sion is paid to everybody at 65, each would be entitled to to more £5,513 a year,

assuming that voluntary contributions were made to maintain a full record during years of unemployment. The Greek government, which allows men to retire at 62 and women at 57 if both have more than 33 years of insurance contribu-tions, would provide the man with £4,634 a year; the

woman £2,734. John Jolliffe, senior partner of J A Jolliffe, consulting actuaries, in Redhill, Surrey. said: "Those countries with high pensions make little provision for occupational pension schemes. When occupational pension provision is added to the state pension. the levels come much closer to

the higher amounts paid in

other countries."

Boast under investigation

By SARA MCCONNELL

THE CLAIMS of a scheme that boasts that members can earn £1,000 a week after two years for an investment of £30 a month is under investigation by the Advertising Standards

Anthority.

The ASA has written to Futures Product World, of Wombwell, South Yorkshire, to challenge earnings claims on publicity being posted out by the company. Futures Product World is promoting a pyramid selling scheme, in which people joining pay £30 a month them receive bonuses for recruiting others

to the scheme. If the people recruited stay in the scheme the person who introduced them receives commission. A mailshot advertising the company's Master Plan company's Master scheme says: "The Master Plan is a three part opportunity! A double multi-level matrix organisation plus an import export retail opportunity in which you can make up [sic] an incredible El,000 a week for doing nothing at all...Six months in you could be earning a six figure income!...Incredibly only a £30 commitment is

The company is now "the subject of a monitoring investigation", the ASA has confirmed. It said: "We would challenge the mailshot on the grounds that any

earnings claims made have to be substantiated. It also has to describe properly any work involved and we would want to question any financial outlay required." Tom Leigh, the founder of Futures Product World, said

he had received a letter from the ASA and would be replying at the end of the month. The benefits outlined in the mailshot and in the booklet, The Master Plan, relied on members joining

and staying in the plan. Mr Leigh said. "At the moment, we have a 300-day guarantee where people can get their money back at any time but when we spoke to the members about it they thought it disadvantageous because people

before they opportunity have seen the working for them. The members decided that people should try it for a year although they would get their money back if they dropped

He added: "If the thing the scheme started in the United Kingdom, the name and address of the promoter, keeps going, then it is a very safe investment." Futures

Product World, which started last April, has 2,300 members and Mr Leigh said that "less than 20 or 30" had left. "We are not a get rich scheme. It is a progressive payout plan."

New regulations on pyramid selling were introduced in 1989 as part of the Fair Trading Act 1973. In a guide to the legislation, the trade department gives warning that although pyramid selling is not illegal,
people should

not get carried away. It says: "A few people who get in right at the start may make mone but don't let yourself get carried away by their success stories. The later entrants at the bottom of the pyramid may not do well because it is

Leigh: payout plan ut plan recruit people."
The guide says that "any advertisement, other prospectus, circular or nonce which indicates the financial benefits which can be obtained from the scheme must show the date on which

a description of the goods and services covered by the scheme and the nature of the business offered...Where earnings claims are made as to earnings attainable during any period, the claim must be accompanied by the statement the figures shown do not represent any automatic earnings. Actual earnings will depend on the mean and effort event on the kusiness. effort spent on the business and the number of participants in the scheme.

The Futures Product World mailshot and booklet do not carry this warning but to be fair, it is not clear whether they are obliged to

nyway. The trade department said that it could not comment on individual companies. "It would depend on the substance of the mailshot. If it does say how much money would be earned, it would probably need a statutory warning It is decided on a case by case basis." a spokesman said.

Mr Leigh said: "The law in this country is very vague about what is legal or isn't legal in this kind of field. There are the pyramid selling laws which we don't strictly come under but which we try to obey. The pyramid selling laws refer to people buying mountains of products but of course they do not do that

Sun Alliance to push up premiums

SUN Alliance, the largest household insurer, will raise its contents insurance premiums by up to 35 per cent on April 1, reflecting rises in costs and numbers of claims.

Hardest hit will be those with Sun Alliance's Home Insurance policy. This policy allows people to choose the elements of cover they want, tents with unspecified and specified all-risks cover outside the home. Jeff Kehoe, Sun Alliance's underwriting manager, household, said the cost of contents cover alone would go up by an average of 25 per cent, while cover for

home would cost between 10 per cent and 15 per cent more. There will be slight increases on cover for specified items. The maximum increase anyone would see was 35 per cent including the all risks increase. Mr Kehoe

He added: "People are takmg more personal possessions outside the home, like jewellery, watches, sports upment, Walkmans. A CD Walkman can be worth more than a hundred pounds."

Those with simpler packaged policies covering contents and all risks will see

35 per cent, Mr Kehoe said. He stressed that Sun Alliance wanted to encourage policy-holders to equip their homes with at least minimum security measures, like five lever deadlocks and key operated window locks. It is offering discounts if security measures are taken.

Sun Alliance will be publishing its annual figures in April. In 1990, the number of claims made rose by 30 per cent and the cost of claims rose by 40 per cent, and there is little reason to suppose that they will be better this year. Commercial Union this

lion loss on domestic insurance last year. It was the first of the big insurers to announce its figures. The cost of claims in 1991 was 53 per cent up on 1990 while the number of claims was up 36 per cent.

week announced a £51 mil-

CU last raised its contents insurance rates in October last year, by an average of 12 per cent. "As our results imply, we will be keeping a tight eye on rates although we have no definite plans to raise them at the moment, " the company said.

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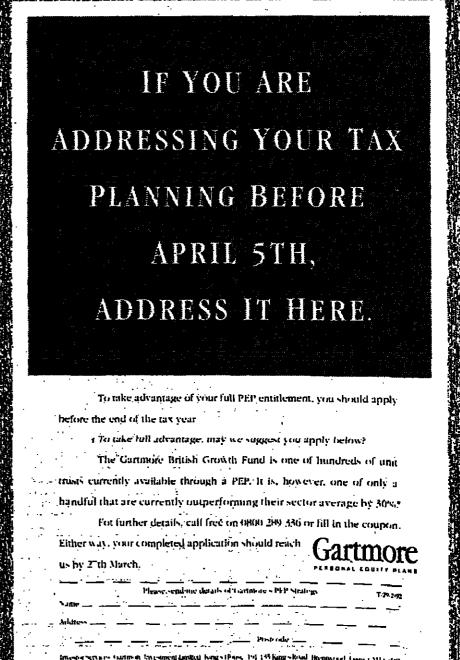
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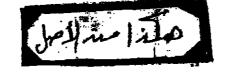
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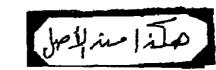
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☐ THE Halifax Building Society is now offering a single-company personal equity plan service and a corporate Pep facility to companies.

☐ A NEW guide for pension funds stresses the need for vigilance among trustees. The ultimate responsibility for long-term strategy, periormance and appointment of investment managers is the trustees, it says. There must be clear mutual understanding between the trustees and the investment manager and self-investment should be









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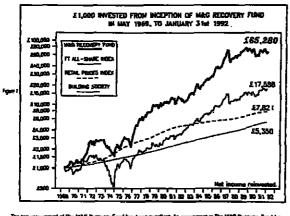
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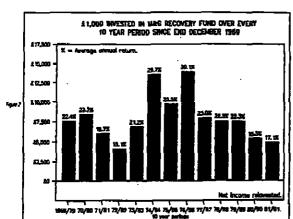
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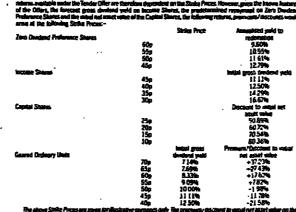
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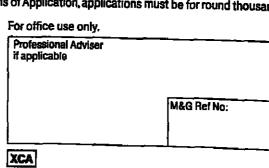
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Land gift threat illusory for most

From Mr Trevor S. Cowan Sir, Writing as a property lawyer, may I be allowed to put into context the extent of the problem highlighted in Owen Dyer's article in Weekend Money of February 15,

Housebuyers Put at Risk It should be pointed out that whilst it is indeed correct that Section 339 of the Insolvency Act can, in theory, undermine gifts or transfers of property at an undervalue in the event of the donor's subsequent insolvency, this threat is, in practice, much reduced as a result of the Land Registry's interpretation and practice regarding that section.

The essence of Section 339 is that a transaction, which is a gift or a transfer at undervalue, can be overturned by a trustee in bankruptcy within five years of the relevant transfer if the purchaser who subsequently acquires the property did so with knowledge of the circumstances

(actual or imputed in law). It is the Land Registry's practice not to make any note whatsoever of the fact that there is a gift or transfer at undervalue when the property in question is already registered at the Land Registry, prior to the transfer to such purchaser. The problem arises, therefore, where the property in question is either unregistered and/or being registered

for the first time. This situation is only likely to occur outside Greater London and the major conurbations.

Whilst the risk stated in Mr Dyer's article is a real one in certain parts of the country. that risk is somewhat illusory for much of the population. The moral should be, before getting worried, consult a solicitor!

Yours faithfully, T. COWAN. Thornton & Co, 1 Goldhawk Road, W12.

Making a choice when facing bankruptcy

From Mrs Stella Fenier

Sir, I read Liz Dolan's article, Bankruptcy the wrong route. (Weekend Money, February 15). I would like to say that IVA was suggested to me by an insolvency consultant. However the CAB advised that if there was a shortfall in my repayments to the bank (following the sale of the house), the bank would claim from the insurers and the insurance company would

claim from me. Hence I would be left trying to pay off the debt for the rest of my life. whereas at least bankruptcy has a cut off point for liabilities. It would seem that you are

never going to know what was the right thing to do until you've done it and its too late. Yours faithfully, STELLA FENIER. 14 Fountains Close. Belmont, Hereford.

Age-related allowances available at once

From Mr Alan Powell

Sir, I have some good news for CA Kennett (February

The higher, age-related, tax allowances are available for the tax year in which potential claimants reach the age of 65. Thus people who have their 65th (or 75th) birthday in the last few days of a tax year will, subject to their income, be in a position to benefit from the larger allowances a whole year earlier than people born just a few

Since Mr Kennett will be 65 on April 3, 1992, the higher allowances are available now - he certainly doesn't have to wait until April 6, 1993. Even if his fears were true, the higher allowances would have been available from April 6, 1992.

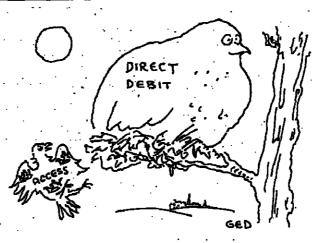
Yours faithfully, ALAN POWELL, Technical Sales Support Manager. 250 Euston Road, NW1.

Sugar lump

From Mr David Moss

Sir, Two previous correspondents (February 1 and 8) have complained that Lloyds Bank is to charge for forwarding mail. Is this so outrageous? Does The Times offer such a service free of charge for its readers? Certainly, as a customer of Lloyds I am delighted to hear that I shall no longer be subsidising fellow customers in this manner. Yours faithfully.

DAVID MOSS. 73 Wroughton Road, SW11.



No direct debits at Barclaycard

From D.J. Owen

Sir, So, the banks are to spend £1.5 million on a campaign to persuade their customers to use direct debit instead of cheques (February 22). I wrote to Barclaycard. asking them to set up a direct debit for my Visa and Mastercard accounts. They replied last week that they had no such facility for payment of these accounts.

I can only assume that Bar-

claycard continues to hope I shall overlook the settlemen of my monthly account so that they can impose an interest charge. A number of banks accept direct debit for Access accounts but not, it seems, Barclays. Yours faithfully.

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D.J. OWEN. Tarasay. Higher Blandford Road, Corfe Mullen. Wimborne, Dorset.

Stamps repaid

From Mr C. David Butler

Sir, Miss Catherine Black

need not have bought stamps

to find out how much interest

she has earned in her Nat-

ional Savings account (Week-

end Money, February 22). The post office should have

given her a pre-paid envelope

for sending her book to our

Glasgow office and another

for the book to be returned.

We are sorry that this was not

done and we are sending

Catherine the money for the

375 Kensington High Street.

Grave injustices in lease contracts contravene Human Rights

From Mr P.F. Loder Dyer Sir, Deirdre Isted is incorrect

on a number of points in her letter (Weekend Money, February 22) on the lease contract.

Lindsay Cook did not refer in her timely article (February to anyone living in a house in Cadogan Square, nor is there such an estate as the Cadogan-Tate. The 1967 Leasehold Re-

form Act was discriminatory legislation.
The value-related restric-

tions in the Act had no relevance to the context of leasehold reform.

For the sake of political expediency they were imposed upon an artificial premise, namely the size and location of a long leasehold

From Mr John D. McCarthy

Sir, Mrs A.R. King enquires

(Weekend Money, February

22) whether any investors in

Peps have found them more

profitable than building soci-

ety deposits. I can certainly

make this claim in respect of

the Pep I took out five years ago, which has now shown a

gain of just 100 per cent over that period. No doubt even

better results have been se-

cured by other Peps - or is

this a record?

Yours faithfully,

1 Bridge House,

Sutton, Surrey.

JOHN McCARTHY,

Pep up

house. The 1966 White Paper on Leasehold Reform in England and Wales stated that the long leasehold system "worked very unfairly against the occupying leaseholder".

When the 1967 Act was

challenged in the European Court in 1984 by the Grosvenor Estate, the principles set out in the White Paper were upheld by the Court. Despite the Court's judg-

ment successive governments have retained the discrimination in the 1967 Act.

This has enabled private landlords to continue to confiscate "not only the land but also the house, the improvements and everything the leaseholder and his predecessors have added to it" without them having to pay anything

From Dr Dinah James

Sir. Mr Stanley Thorley

raises a valid point (Weekend

Money, February 8) about

the cost of Revenue errors to

the taxpayer. Of greater sig-

nificance, however, is the

number and frequency with

which errors appear, and

whether there is a legitimate

I have not received a single

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shows obscure taxable

amounts as well as grossly

basis for such discrepancies.

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sorted to dealing with my own

tax matters five years ago.

for it (1966 White Paper). This is a grave injustice, and in the view of many has contravened article one of the First Protocol of the European Convention on Human

Rights. As a solicitor, Mrs Isted should know that there are many justifiable examples. particularly in Landlord and Tenant legislation, where it has become imperative to correct the imbalances in contractual relationships. No leaseholder of 40-50 years could have foreseen the iniquitous practices which prevail in this now archaic leasehold

system. Yours faithfully, P.F. LODER DYER, 47 Underhill Road,

excessive figures for known

income items: the amounts

bearing little relation to the

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mitted. A telephone call is the

only practical means of sort-

ing out these anomalies, as

replies to letters take from

three to six months to

It will be interesting to see

and how Mr Francis

Maude's guidelines will be

followed during 1992.

Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Yours faithfully,

DINAH JAMES,

materialise.

Frequency of Revenue errors significant

stamps.

Yours faithfully.

C.D. BUTLER,

(Director of Savings).

Charges praised From I.P. Laurenson

Sir, Congratulations are due to the Halifax Building Society for introducing charges on accounts with low balances. The normal mechanism available of paying lower interest rates on progressively lower balances is good commercial sense and when the rate has to fall to risible levels just to enable the society to cover the cost of maintaining an account, then charges become

mevitable. The Halifax's move to get rid of this cross-subsidisation is welcome.

Yours faithfully, I. P. LAURENSON, 29 Maidenhead Court Park, 7 Homesdale Road. Peus Wood. Orpington, Kent.

Customers should be informed of credit reference agency data

From Mr A.R.B. Hore

Sir, I am writing as a matter of public interest to put forward the proposition that whenever moneylenders such as banks and credit card operators consider it necessary for any reason, to report information about their individual customers to credit reference agencies they should be obliged to inform

those customers accordingly.

At present credit card operators, for example, can oben files on customers with credit the customer knowing that his name and address, together with information (ei-ther good or bad) about his credit worthiness have been recorded on computerised information systems which are of course open to public scrutiny. This means that an individual whose name could well have been on record for years without his knowledge may suddenly discover that for some unexplained reason he has been refused credit by a third party at a time when he may urgently, and quite legitimately, need it.

One can understand the creditor who wishes to warn other potential creditors that such and such an individual is in his experience a poor credit risk (although even here I would have thought that it could be to the creditor's advantage to warn the debtor of the action he procases where the individual's credit record is beyond reproach such high-handed action in a supposedly democratic, open society is surely indefensible.

Quite apart from questions of privacy of the individual it should be borne in mind that any credit reference is open to misinterpretation which could have disastrous conse-

quences for anyone needing credit especially as it inevita-bly takes time for the individual to find out what has gone My own experience, involv-

ing a recent refusal of credit following a now admitted misreading of information about me recorded by a credit card company of which I have not even been a member for years, is too trivial to report in detail but had I been a less fortunate individual the consequences could have iar respect the Consumer Credit Act which, after all, was established for the protection of the consumer calls for further amendment.

Yours faithfully, A.R.B. HORÉ Lane End, Hookley Lane.

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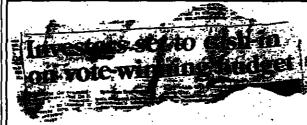
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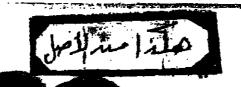
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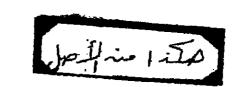
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Shadow of Olazábal haunts leaders in Mediterranean Open golf tournament

Unbowed Woosnam hits back

from 30 feet. It says much for

his pluck that he came back

from that, an eagle and three

birdies later, with a 70 for a

So Woosnam stays for the

weekend, but his chances of

having a jolly time are open to

doubt, given the presence of a

devil by the name of Tad

It is the putter that won him the Masters last year, but

its chances of a prolonged

career on Woosnam's staff

are getting slimmer by the

On the other hand, the likes

of Josė Rivero, Eamonn

Darcy and Vijay Singh are far

more likely to enjoy the party. They share the lead on 137, seven under par, as the tour-

nament goes into the week-

total of 144, level par.

Moore in his bag.

FROM MELWEBB IN VALENCIA

IAN Woosnam discovered yesterday that a disobedient putter can be as seriously damaging to the pocket book as it is to the morale as he found himself on the wrong end of a £500 fine for failing to speak to the press after his first round in the Mediterranean Open here on

Woosnam had fled to the sanctuary of his hotel room after scattering putts all over the El Bosque course with an increasingly desperate prodigality in the course of a disappointing 74, and took his punishment like a man, as you would expect him to.

Then, defiantly and straight-down-the-middle honestly, he said he would do the same thing all over again if he felt like it. As you would expect him to.

ised how I felt." he said after a 70 had left him on 144, level par. "I was pretty sick about my putting, and I just wanted to get away.

"I've been to interviews before when I didn't feel like it, and I thought I might have been given the benefit of the doubt for once. I know it's in the rules, and it's my fault for not reading them, most probably, but it's cost me; I can

"Next time it will probably be doubled, and then doubled again the time after that, but I would do exactly the same thing again."

Woosnam was told of the fine by John Paramor, the tournament director, immediately before his second round, and, still smarting from what he saw as the injustice of it all, immediately went out and three-putted

end after rounds of 68, 66 which equalled the course record — and 67 respectively. They must all be quietly confident of victory and a cheque for £66,660 come tomorrow afternoon, but will



Price of silence: Woosnam made to pay £500

TENNIS

Bates pays tribute to opponent

BY ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

JEREMY Bates reached the semi-finals of the third leg of the LTA satellite in Croydon yesterday, recording his thir-teenth successive victory on the circuit with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-0 win over Andrew Richardson, the British junior.

The British No. 1, though was full of praise for the tall left-hander, who has put his toe into the hot water of professional tennis over the past few months and not recoiled.

"He has a good awareness of what to do and when to do it and that's probably what marks him out from our other juniors at the moment." Bates said. "He has a big serve and hits his ground strokes well, too." He will hit them harder when his 6ft 5in and 11st 7lb frame fills out. As Bates began to feel the effects of his punishing schedule, Richardson levelled the match with his first break. But three basic errors in the vital first game of the third set handed the initiative straight back.

Bates meets Brian Joelson, who beat Danny Sapsford in three sets, in today's semi-

Chris Wilkinson, the No. 2 seed, had a smooth passage through to a semi-final against Massimo Ardinghi, of Italy.

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens look for instant recovery

By KEITH MACKLIN

WOUNDS inflicted by Wig-an on St Helens normally take a long time to heal, but St Helens need instant recovery from last week's Challenge Cup defeat, which bruised both pride and body.

St Helens can take some measure of revenge for their latest defeat at the hands of their neighbours and rivals by taking away the championship from Central Park. St Helens are top, with Wigan just behind them and, since Wigan will no doubt make short work of Swinton tomorrow. St Helens need to beat off a much stronger challenge from Leeds to remain in pole

Leeds will be inspired and encouraged by the return at long last of Ellery Hanley. He has been much missed both as a player and as a leader. His return could be bad news for St Helens at Knowsley Road tomorrow, particularly if they are suffering from a cup hangover.

Wigan are looking menacing yet again. Last season, they came from behind to take the title despite a horren-dous run of fixtures and enough injuries to fill a hospital ward. John Monie, the Wigan coach, is so determined to do it again that he will probably ask the five men who will play for Great Britam against France next Saturday to turn out the following day in a championship match. Such determination and dedication is unnerving to other clubs and gives Wigan psychological stimulus to add to their considerable playing strength.

Widnes still entertain outside hopes of winning the title despite recent upsets and they should win at home against Halifax, who are beginning to run into relegation

Castleford, like Wigan, have ambitions on both cup and league fronts and will be confident of beating Warrington at home tomorrow after witnessing Featherstone Rovers thrash the Cheshire side in midweek.

In the second division. Sheffield Eagles and Leight continue to play leapfrog at the top of the table. Both should win tomorrow. Leigh at Ryedale York and Sheffield at home to an Oldham team suffering from mixed form as well as horrendous £1 million debts.

C Ray Ovens, the London Crusaders scrum half, has been forced to give up the game after a series of head injuries.

I Roy Powell, the Great Britain forward, is expected to join Bradford Northern in a E80,000 move from Leeds after nine years at the club.

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Bath stand in way of their old rivals

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

for twing day in a clear match Such decision and dedicate match other date. head of the Courage change they might justifiably begin to they might justifiably begin to think in terms of the league themselves standing at the initiate who are began title. It is a big "if": Bath, the champions, stand in their way at the Recreation Ground and history suggests that Orrell, the leaders, will stand their ground by beating Leicester.

Gloucester have a game in hand on their rivals, who include Northampton, handily placed third in the table. Nor is the second half of Northampton's season as demanding as some. True, they have yet to go to Kingsholm but they will fancy their chances against Rugby today, Wasps, Nottingham, Rosslyn Park and even Leicester at Welford Road

They know, too, that they will have the services of Wayne Shelford until the season ends. The influential New Zealand No. 8 is not hurrying home for the start of the southern-hemisphere season, unlike Walter Little, who played his first and last

Courage first division

Bath v Gloucester

TODAYS IES

IF GLOUCESTER find league game for Rugby last weekend and has now returned to Auckland to prepare for North Harbour's

> He will be followed on Tuesday by Daniel Manu, the Rugby No. 8, who wants to press his representative claims, which may leave the Midlanders feeling the breeze near the bottom of the table, with only two league wins. John Olver, the reserve Eng-land hooker, has recovered from a groin strain to captain Northampton, who also field their other national squad members, Martin Bayfield and Tim Rodber.

There are mixed views about the selection of England players today, in view of their impending grand-slam march with Wales. Leicester, for example, rest Rory Underwood at Orrell (where Gerry Ainscough, the prodigal son, will receive a warm welcome as the Leicester stand-off half) but Wasps play Jeffrey Probyn at London Irish and Harlequins take Carling and Halliday, Leonard and Moore, Skinner and

Winterbottom, to Bristol. England's A and B squads assemble this evening for training tomorrow, for their mes next weekend against Wales and Italy respectively.

There are two other significant meetings in the London area. Representatives of the five nations meet at the East India Club and, doubtless the events at the Parc des Princes on February 15 will come under review. The four home unions, and France as observers, will tomorrow discuss a common interpretation of the amateur regulations.
It is the fourth such meet-

ing but the first since England were required last June to gain the approval of higher authority for the Run with the Ball promotional scheme. Whether England occupy the moral high ground, because the International Rugby Football Board approved the scheme, is neither here nor there. More to the point is whether the unions are abreast of latest developments on the same subject in the southern hemisphere.



IT WAS forum night at Taunton and the audience. mostly coaches or club officials, was watching film of recent England triumphs before addressing a select panel on rugby topics of the day. The video included En-giand's 23-0 victory over reland in 1990, when David Egerton capped a good display with England's second try.

"How could they have dropped him after that?" somebody queried. "They", the selectors were not there.

the selectors, were not there to answer but it was far from the first of a series of difficult decisions which England's present manage-ment team has made; in a sense, whether one agrees or not, they have not shied away from grasping nettles, the latest of them coming this season when another No. 8. Dean Richards.

replacements.
Egerton himself, now 30, has learned to be philosophical about his international career, which is now. almost certainly, over after seven caps, the final one as a replacement for Wade Dooley at lock in the second international with Argentina.

found himself among the

David Hands on the former England flanker whose determination has kept him at the cutting edge of Bath's campaign this season

also in 1990. But that he remains competitive is demonstrated by his presence today in Bath's ranks in the Courage Clubs Championship match with Gloucester.

The past 18 months have been intensely frustrating for Egerton in his preferred sport, though he has been able to channel his energies into a new company con-cerned with financial planning, which opened for business in Bristol in January. In October 1990 he ruptured one of the joints linking the collarbone and shoulder, which had to be pinned; a second operation followed, to unpin the joint: then a third, to tighten the

shoulder joint itself. The last was a consequence of trying to play rug-by too early because Eger-ton believed there was some chance of selection for the England tour to Australia and Fiji last summer, and

John Hall, another long-term casualty, to come back at their own pace rather for the World Cup party. In due course he had to give the shoulder rest and conthan feeling that their club was in need of them. centrate on building up the muscles; there is an irony that Mike Teague, who moved across the back row While watching England. to take over at No. 8 from Egerton after that Irish

longer playing because of accumulated injuries to shoulder, knee and ankle.
"When you suffer some thing like that, you accept it straight away, otherwise it can affect you quite badly," Egerton said. "There is the rugby habit as well. People find it difficult to get back into the habit, the discipline A determining factor there will have been the Bath "family", the encourof training. But when you watch the team play, wheth-er it's Bath or England, it

that you want to get back and play." While watching Bath, Egerton has seen Ben Clarke develop as a No. 8 who will surely play for Eng-land one day: Steve Ojomoh has come on in leaps and bounds, too, as a blind-side flanker. It is Ojomoh who loses his place to Egerton today but the development of the two younger players has enabled Egerton and

drives the message home

match, is now himself no

Egerton has been mystified by the dropping of Dean Richards, the player whose presence so limited his own international opportunities. But, international is-sues aside, it is enough that he has justified his own return to Bath's league XV in circumstances that might have forced another player

agement and mutual confi-dence that exists among the players and coaches. There's a tough run-in to the end of the season," Egerton said. "It's important to have cover with the league and cup and representative games piling up. That a player who has touched the heights can now happily accept a subsidiary role speaks well, both for him and his club, though, if he survives against Gloucester, Egerton may not be so easily dis-placed himself.

Swansea face a threat to fortress

By GERALD DAVIES

TO INDICATE how finely balanced the clubs are in the first division of the Heineken League, only three points separate the leading six clubs, with seven matches to play There is a long and winding road ahead, with a prospect

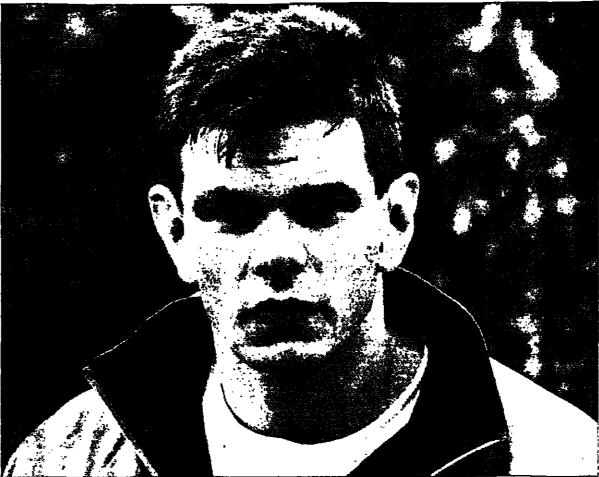
of many an unseen twist. If the league will need some time yet to bed down properly, there is, in all this, already a sense of growing strength in the Welsh club game. For the competition to be of permanent good, and the game to benefit nationally, the condition where several teams are in with a strong shour must be maintained.

As if to confirm the manner in which leagues help concentrate the mind. Swansea, the leaders, lost 24-3 at Abertillery in a midweek fixture. Abertillery are in the bottom half of the second division and were thrust out of the Cup by Cardiff High School Old Boys.

So far, it is the red-blooded forward play, allied to improved technique, that has benefited most and accounts for the presence of four of the six prominent clubs. Nothing wrong with that, but Swansea and Lianelli are venturing to

give something more. Swansea, particularly, are cocking a snook at the tired old idea that league rugby, to be successful, must be nega-tively tight. They are setting an exemplary standard and are two points ahead of Newbridge, who have a game in hand. But the value of that extra game will be determined today, as the clubs meet at St Helen's. Stuart Davies, the Swansea and Wales No. 8, will be absent because of a calf muscle injury. He and Emyr Lewis, the Wales flanker, have been advised to rest. Both, however, are expected to be fit for the Twickenham match.

After nursing a calf muscle injury for the past fortnight. Robert Jones is back at scrum half. When, a few weeks ago, teams with any pretensions of winning the league had first to go to Pontypool Park and win, Newbridge did precisely that. Now, they must attempt to turn the tables on Swansea. league matches on their own eround.



Bath have Ubogu and Hill fit once more and prefer Egerton to Ojomoh at blind-sitte flanker. Gloucester will be without the injured Phillips at tight-head prop and Deacon plays instead in a match when once every is offer. tch when one score is often **Bristol v Harlequins** Bristol, with two hookers injured, bring in Lathrope and play Hinkins at prop for the injured Hickey. However, Harlequins have

seven players injured or unavailable and move Molineux to tull back, pair Bray and Luxton at half back and Towns with Shortland at lock. Matt Keenan, the Western Samoan lock, plays his first league match for Irish who have Curis

at stand-off and Hennessy at full

back. Hopiey plays his first league match of the season in Wasps' centre, with Lozowski at stand-off and Kinsey restored to lock after a one-match club Northampton v Rugby Matt Dawson plays his first-league game since Christmes in Northampton's centre, after recovering from an ankle injury

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the front row and centre, expect Saunders to be fit to play on the wing.

Orrell v Leicester

Orrell v LCAUSSET

Nigel Hestop returns from holiday to Orrell's wing in the only change from the side deteated in the Cup last weekend. Lelcaster rest Rory Underwood but play his brother, Tony, on the wing instead, but Richards has brulsed ribs and Poole a groin strain: Povosa (No. 3) and Glassiny flock) replace them. ing (lock) replace them.

Saracens v Nottingham Salaccas v 1900 and Salaccas v 1900 and off for Saracens who bring in Wilson on role at tight-head prop. Robinson and Reed retain their places in the back division against a Nottingham aide with Hughes at scrum half. Rees has withdrawn and Wilby joins the back row.

Heineken first division Cardiff v Bridgend Cardiff have Ring back at stand-off and cell up Liddiatt to the wing against opponents they have besten only once in 12 meetings. Bridgend field an unchanged XV, giving Luc Evans further experience at stand-off and preferring Budd at flanker to Devid Revent.

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Lisnelli lost Emyr Lewis and
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five forwards, where only
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Newport v Maesteg Newport recall Hilman at prop after his firtation with Ebbw Vale and have four internationals available in the pack. Maestog bea a rampant Newport lest season and have been encouraged by the recognition of Woodland, their consistent centre.

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Pontypool, whose league
campaign has slipped slightly, pley
Kirkup at No. 8. Spiller has
recovered from injury to play
flanker. Pontypridd won the
first league match, in November,
but had to rely on four
penalties to beat Tondu in the Cup.

Robert Jones has recovered from a calf injury and plays at sorum helf for Swenese against their main challengers at the top of the table. Newbridge, with a game in hand, play Heyward at stand-off. Crane returns to the back row and Glasson to the wing.

Swansea v Newbridge

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Second division

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ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Semi-final: Old Chipwellians v Old Salopians. Premier division: Old Etopians v Old Reptonians; Old Malvernians v Old Reptonians; Old Malvernians v Lancing Old Boys. First division: Old Marovians v Old Arterivians v Old Addentamians; Old Westminsters v Old Ardinians. Westminstare v Old Archinene.

SOLITHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE:
NatWest Bank v West Wickham; Norsemen v Civil Sorcioe; Old Esthamelans v
Cershelton: Winchmore Hill v Old
Actonians; Berclays Bank v Lloyds Bank;
Broomfield v Buh; East Bernet Og v
Alexandra Park; Polystochnic v Crouch
End Vampines; South Benk Poly v Old
Stationers; South Benk Poly v Old
Stationers; Southput Olympie v Old
Salesians; Alleyn Old Boys v Merton;
Cusco v Lenebury; Old Ledymerine v
Brenthem; Old Westminster Cits v Royal
Bank; Reights Priory v Kew Association.

OLD BOY'S LEAGRE Premier division: Cardinal Manning v Enfletic Glyn v Old Grastiens: Old Aloysiens v Midserd Bank; Old Denes v Listymer: Old Meadonians v Chertasy OS: Old Partonians v Old Tenleonians.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National

RUGBY UNION 3.D unless stated

Courage Clubs Championship First division Bath y Glouceste Batti v Gioucoster
Bristol v Harlequine
London Irish v Wesps (2.30)
Northampton v Rugby
Orteli v Leicester
Saracens v Nottingham

rich v Allhfon Utd; Vacomali GM v st Helens (2.30)... valerico v Moseley (2.15)...... Third division

Fourth division north

Fourth division south

Basingstoke v Sidcup (2 30).. McEwan's Scottish League

akcewari's scortish Leagu First division

Boroughmut v Glasgow H-K...
Currie v Edinburgh Ac...
Hawick v Watsonans
Jad-Forest v Selkirk
Melrose v Stirling Co...
Stewart's Mel FP v Gala
W of Scortish v Edin's ED. Second division

Dunfermline v Pasblas...... Kitmarnock v Ediriburgh W Musselburgh v Royal High Wigtownshire v Glasgow Ac... Heineken Welsh League AE 2.30 First division Cardiff v Bridgend....... Llanelli v Neath Newport v Maesteg...... Pontypool v Pontypridd Swansae v Newbridge... Second division Aberavon v Lanharan.
Cross Keys v Glamorgan W....
Penarth v Ebbw Vale
Sth Wales Police v Dunvant...
Tredegar v Abertillery...

Insurance Corporation All Ireland League (ali 2.30) First division

Ballymena v Instonians Second division

Bangor v Malone
CTYMS v Greystones
Sundays Well v Dungannon
Terenure v Blackrock Coll Club matches

Broughton Park v Hereford Cambridge Univ v Waseda Univ Rosslyn Park v Sale YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: Wales Youth v ftaly Youth (Glamorgen Wanderes RFC, 2.30)

FOOTBALL Rumbelows Cup Semi-final, second leg (First leg score in brackets)

(3.25)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND:
Premier division (3.30): Athlone v Dunclaik: Bray Wanderen v Shelbourne:
Drogheda v Garleny; Silgo v Cork City; St
Partok's Athleric v Derry.

WFA CUP: Quarter-finals: Heasocks
Beacon v Wimbledon; joswich Town v
Red Ster Southampton; Leasowe Pacific
v Doncaster Belles, Maidstone Tignases
s Spondon.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE Premier division: Knowslay Utd v Notte
Rangers. Langua Cup: First round:
Abbaydale v Town and County.

Tottenham (1) v Nottm Forest (1) ...

DIADORIA LEAGUE: Premier divisions: Aylesbury v Windsor and Eton; Bogner v Enfield; Carshalton v Winenhoe; Degenham v Hendon; Greye Ath v Woking; Hayle v Bromley; Kingstonian v Herow; Harrow; Mariow v Sutton Und; St Athama v Beningstoke; Stames v Bishnop's Stordord; Wottingham v Chestaam Und; Chaitord; Wottingham v Chestaam Und; Chaitord; St Peter v Barring; Dorking v Abingdon Town; Duhich v Wirytsleatz, Harlow v Borsham Wood; Hinchin v Tooting and Mitcham; Matdenhaud; Harlow v Borsham Wood; Hinchin v Tooting and Mitcham; Matdenhaud; Valender v Borsham Wood; Hinchin v Tooting and Mitcham; Matdenhaud; Valender v Borsham Rode; Ware v Watton and Hensham; Molesey v Leyton Wingsle; Stavenage Borough v Lobridge; Veading v Croydon, Sacond division; Banstead Athletic v Lestherhead; Barton Rovers v Billericay; Hungertord v Southwick; Lawas v Bouthali; Metropolitan Polica v Hemst Hetarpostaed; Rainham v Barthamusted; Ruisin Mattern Vale; Ware v Harrifeld; Witham v Matden Vale; Ware v Harrifeld; Witham v Matden Vale; Ware v Harrifeld; Witham v Matden Vale; Worthing v Newbury. Third division; Serciona v Homocharch; Collier Row v Homelhard; Collier Row v Homelhard; Camboning v Cove; Clapton v Homocharch; Collier Row v Hamplon; Tring v Rackwell Heath. HrS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division; Kingsbury v Horsham; Peternfield v Hamplon; Tring v Rackwell Heath. HrS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division; Alfreton v Netherfield; Selrhop Auckstam v Southport; Fleetwood v Whitley Bay; Friedday Ath v Stalybridge; Gainsborough v Confey; Horwich v Hyde; Leak Town v Mossily; Karrie v Stepshed Albior; Matdock v Ernley; Moracambe v Croyladen. First division: Bromagnov v Constey; Cambridge; Pole Town v Bushiey; Worcester v Marchaller, Bromagnov v Crawley; Cambridge; Pole Town v Bushiey; Worcester v Stepshor Sellaton v Halesaova; Dorchester v Button; Down v Corbige; Pole Town v Bushiey; Worcester v Nanosion; Brigor v Larne; Cambridge; Pole Town v Hamplor; Life Ballynene v Western, William v Harant; Leicaler Und v Helasaova; Dorchester v Mitchall Sorou RUGBY UNION Insurance Corporation All Ireland League Second division Dolphin v Wanderers (2.30) ...

WOMEN'S RFU LEAGUE: First &-

Town v Casert Addon; (Tractury v Spennymor:
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spertans v Gretne; Essington Collery v Whitby; Guisborough v Newcastle Blue Star; Seaham Red Star v Brandon; Shädon v Northallerton; Tow Law v Consett; Whickham v Langley Park Weltere. VERIDO.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Chalterie v
Wroxham; Fellostowe v Comard;
Gorieston v Stowmerket; Greet Yermouth RUGBY LEAGUE RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:
(3.0 unless stated): First division:
Castisford v Warrington (3.30);
Feetherstone v Hail IGR (3.30); Hall v
Waterfield (3.18); St Helens v Leads
(8.25); Widnes v Helstau; Wagar v Swinton
Second: division: London Crassders v
Workington; -Rochdale v Carliste;
Ryedsle-York v Leagn (3.15); Shreffield v
Olcham (3.15); Third division: Bramley v
Donosster (3.30); Chorley v Whitehseven;
Devectory v Heighleid (3.30); Hudderfield
v Keighley (1.0); Nottingham v Berrow;
Castorough Piraties v Trafford Borough restract and Parkeston; Lowestott Newmarket; Norwich Utd v Helataset; Watton v Clacton; Websch v Brightingsos.

Erightlingsos.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Bristol Manor Ferm v Clevadon: Dawlish v Elmore; Chard v Taunton; Minehead v Bideford; Plymouth Argyle v Ottery SI Many; Settash v Paulion; Torrington v Weston-super-Mare; Welton v Chippenham; Exmouth v Mangottfield. v Chippenham; Exmouth v Mangotsher.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE: First division: Afferion LR v
Bacup Borough; Bootle v Skelmendale;
Bradford Park Avenue v Prescot; Fibtion v
Pentith; Great Harwood v St Holens;
Maine Road v Eastwood Hanley; HOCKEY PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE:

THE STATE OF THE S Loughtonians. Second division: Guildord v Doncaster. NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Pression division: Ford v Harleston

Maggings.
NATWEST WOMEN'S COUNTY
CHAMPIONSHIPS: Midlands (Mitton NATWEST WOMEN'S COUNTY
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Keynes, 19, 15; Kings Thorpe, Northampton, B.15 and Shighnorth, 10,00). County
match: Devon v Conweal. Culp matches:
Sunderland Bedans v Billinghem, BSC v
Buckley: East Gloucester v Firebrands
(RAC, 12,0), Harleston v Saracans (2,30);
Southempton A v Army (11,00). BASKETBALL

CAPLEBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE
Ment: First division; Cheshire Jets v
Kingston. Second division: Broton
Topozds v Plymouth Residers. Cardiff
Succesneers v Broxbourne; Middlesrough Nobravics v Warrs; Oldham Celtics
Coventry Flyers. Women: Second
King's Lynn Phoenix v Northempton
SB'ars; Sunderland v Cheshire. Third
divisiont: Stavenage Phoenix v Chitem
Fastbresk.

ICE HOCKEY HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pro-HEINEKEN MATIONAL LEAGUE: Pre-misr division: Bracionet Bees v Norwich and Peterborough Pirates; Cardett Devis v Nottingham Panthers; Durheam Wasps Billingham Bombam. First division: Lee Valley, Lions v Blackburn Blackhawka; Romstord Raidera v Milton Kaynes Kings; Stough Jets v Swindon Wildcate; Trafford Metros v Telford Tigers. ENGLISH LEAGUE: Chelmsford Chiefa v Streethem Redistors: Heringery Racers v Streethern Redskuns; Haringdy Record v Streiffield Steelers; Oxford City Stars v Bunderland Chiefs; Sofihull Barons v Solent Vitanos.

VÖLLEYBALL ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE Women: First division: Hitton Leads v Wesser, Birmingham v Britannis Mueic. Tradford Volksybal v Ashcombe Dorking I; Dynamo Lendon v Wookvich Britan. Second division: Cheimsford Partners v well Manchester Utd v Reebok Liverpool City, Radio Trent Rockets v Lakeland Ledies CRICKET

NATIONAL INDOOR CRICKET: Edmonton v Sheffeld: Lancing v Tottenham. Rochester v Paterburuph, Sokhuli v Stumps: Walsell v Rochdale, Wellingborough v Ipswich. TENNIS

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TENNIS TROPHY: Fifth round: Bernard Castle School

v Topapn Deringlion, tiday v Tennis
World Middleabrough, Norman Geen
Solbuid v Matchpoorn Bramhalt: Upper
Armley Leade v Edgibaston Priory; Wresham v Newport Boughey Gardens; Corby

v Methon Mowbray: Hallamstare Sheffield

v City of Nortungham: Watchorn Alfreton v
Abbeydale Park Sheffield: Middleast Poly

v Harpenden, Puma Welwyn Garden Criy

v Clearview Brentwood; Welwyn Spin v
Batchwood St Albana; Ealing v Connaught Club London; Dusen's Club v
David Liyof Farchiey: Devid Loyd Eastbourne v Record Cantra Maddstone.
Bourne Club Farmhan v Pawlon and
Averue Hove, Chine Lane Woking v
Craviey; BBC v Royal Berkstare, Riverside Chaswick v Carton London;
Roshampton v David Lleyd Slazunger
Heator: Alversteks Gospon's Warrydown
Basingstoke, Team Excal Bath v Europa
Southampton, West Hants Bournemouth

v Centrecout Cardinals Basingstoke.

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AR-ENGLAND WOMEN'S TERRI-TORIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS for Chie-wick), North v East (10.15); South v Combined Universities (11.45); Middlands v West (13.15); South v North (14.45). OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: World man's indoor championsneps (Suild Hall, Preston).
CYCLING: Bracidand 25 (East Wretham, 9.0), Bournemouth Jubilee 2515 (Sandbanks, 8.0); North Lancs Hilly 2515 (Whalley, 9.0)
Tennis: LTA men's Indoor satellite tournament (Croydon)

HEMEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: Third division: Bleins v Runney; Bonymeen v Wrecham; Narbarth v Abersvon Cuins; Tenby United v Lisadover; Treorchy v Mountain Ash. Fourth division: Cifynydd v Abercynon; Kenfig HE v Kriwelly; Ruthin v St Peters; Tumble v Pontypool United; Ystradgynleis v Backwood Ruthin v St Pelera; Tumble v Pontypool United; Yshrangyniels v Backwood WALES: East District Chemptonship: First division: Cardiff Institute v Pencoed; Old Stytletins v Taff's Walt, Pentypich v Heol-y-Cyw Tennents Pitsmed Mid District Champtonship: First division: Beddeu v Tonyressal; Caerphilly v Usmitut Fardre: Semplenydd v Butth Wells. Wijstrch Cartiral Glamorgan League: First division: Bridgend Athelic v Forthcaw; Measteg Catte v Celh Cribbrer, Neath Athletic v Measteg Curs. Pyte v Nantyfrjiden, Tondu v Bridgend Sports Club. Bevid McL.asn Horth Weles League: Bangor v Mold, Bangor Univ v Rtyl; Colwyn Bay v Parthel; Liandudino v Dolgelau. Jewsons Pembrokehire Championship: First division: Fishquaed v St Davids; Haverbordwest v Cardigan; Mitord Haven v Aberystwyth; Pembroke v Usingwm West Wales Welsh Brawers Championship: First division: Loughor v Brytococh. Liangum West Walas Weish Brawers Championship: First division: Loughor v Brytcoch.
Monmouthshire, Championehip: First division: Bedwes v Machen McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Howe of File v Hithead Jordanhil; Highland v Gordonsana, Langholin v Grangemouth, Pertisshra v Trenty Academicals: Bigger v Haddington; Portobeto FP v Dumines; Hulchesons-Old Aloysens v Clarkson Fourth division: Essal Klünde v St. Boswells, Lismore v Allos, Camburshing v Aberdeen GSFP, Pericul v Edinburgh University: Madiess College FP v Morgan Academy FP, Carths Queen a Park v Leith Academicals Lishingov v Daste HSFP, Fitth division: Livingaten v Dunber, Hilloots v Aberdeenshre; Fallur v Stewartry, North Berwick v Lenze, Ardrossan Academicas v Waysders, Pasley v Greenock Wanderers, Morthy v Glenordes

Giernothes

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage
Clubs Championship: First division: Old
Gaytonians v Cheekunt. Old MacWhitigitisans v Levest, Russis v Eton
Manor, Surton and Epsom v Streathers
and Croydon, Thurnock v Old Alleynams.
Second division north: Chrightot v Old
Merchart Taylors'. Harlow v Fincriey;
Ipowich v Barlong, Norwich v Tabard.
Woodford v Letchworth Second division
south: Gravesend v US Portsmouth:
Guildford and Godelring v WestcombePark, Old Blues v Worthing, Old Juddians
v Old Colseans, Tombridge v Camberely
Third division north east: Carwey island
v Colchaster; Old Edwardians v Cambridge; Romford and Gides Park v
Basaldon, Salfron Walden v Brentwood;
Westchit v Camabrigan Third division
north west: Fullerians v Lensbury; Crasshoppers v Old Albamans; Old Verulamian
v Welevyn, St Mary's Hospital v
Knigsburste, Upper Claption v Hemel
Hempsteed, Third division south east:
Beckenhem v Old Bechemens; Cherton
Park v Crawley; Hastings and Bashili v
Chichester; Old Brockleanna v
Chichester, Old Sechemens; Cherton
VCS Old Boys; Giy's Hospital v Purley;
Old Emanuel v Winchester, Old
Walcountlans v Alton; Portsmouth v
Eastleigh
SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Championahig: First division; Berry Hill v
Maderhead, Grachers
V Weston; Berry Hill v
Maderhead, Grachers
Combe Down v Pennyn, Matison v
Hoelay; Sherbone v Natriow Westam
Countles: Avlesbury v Wimborne; Bunbury v Rectingensians; Betchiey v
Swanage and Warsham, Grove v Bourne
mouth, Cinetion v Hayle, Euster
Saracans v Emmath; Saltissh v Plymouth
CS, South Molton v Trans. Gloudeaster
and Sounesset: Cirencester v OldSidmouth; Credition v Hayle, Euster
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and Sounesset: Cirencester v OldSersous v Winseley, Christer v Videsley;
Channor v Mitton Kaynes, Oxford Merathon;
Becons Sidmouth; Cerchicon v Hemple;
Channor v Mitton Kaynes, Ox

v Slough Berkshire, Dorset and Witt-shire: Bounemouth Poly v Weymouth, Bracknell v Melksham, Devizes v Corsham, North Dorset v Swandon, Swen-don College v Chippenham. Brackmeil v Meiksham, Devizes v Corsham, North Dorset v Swindon, Swindon College v Chippenham.

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Champonship: First division: Barters Butts v Mansheld, Berminjham and Soldhull v Lastington, Camp Hill Stoke-on-Tent, Dorby v Westleigh, Linghton Buczard v Newerk, Second division sasts Amber vision Stockwood Park, Bedlard Athero v Pavions: Beglistwade v Vipes, Moderns v Peterborogh; Scunitoripe v Mallock, Second division east Section of Meislands and Smeat v Worcester, Kerasky v Workenhampton, Newbold v Bramsprovi, Sutton Colified v Whatchurch East Midlands and Leiosaster, Ampthil v Coll-kile Aylestone St Jemes v Lirion Bottyrave v Northampton Boys Bingade, Hindhay v Stonogale, Kertering v Weilingborough Notts, Linca and Derbyshire; Chesterisdid v Derofield, Glossop v Steaford, Lincoln v Melfah, Southweil v Stamford, West Brodgford v Keeteven North Midlands, Aslon Old Edwardsans v Club Yardousan Duomann v Ludiow Staffs and Warwicks: Coventry Wetsh v Old Learningtonans, Eccleshall v Noneston Cld Edward, Leek v Keniworth Stationd upon Avon v Old Longionass, Willential v Newcaste

Ludlow Staffs and Warnericks: Coventry Weish v Old Learningtonnes. Eccleshall v Nurselon Ord Edward, Leek v Keni-worth Strattord upon Avon v Old Longtonaes, Witeral Staffs) NORTH: Courage Clubs Champonship: First dinison. Hull bruans v Widnes: Middlesbough v Sendal Stockton v Braditord and Bingley. Tynediale v Harrispool Rovers. Wignon v Britanhead Park Second division: Asnytick v Wigner. Huddersheld v Northwich, Lymn v West Park (St Helens). Old Crossleyane v Haffas, Sandbach v Wartedale. North West: First division: Caldy v Cockermouth, Choster v New Brighton, Dsvengort v Manchoste. Egremont v Sedgley Park: Macclesteid v Weral Second division: Asthonon-Aersey v Menseyside Pulce, Kirkby Lonsdale v Old Alchwinaris, Netherhall v Blockburn; Rochdele v Wilmsbow. Workington v South Liverpool North East: First division: Blaydon v Novocasinans, Gatestead Fell v Ponterract, Roundhegans v Morpeth, Wast Park Bramthope v Bramley; York v Old Brodlesins Second division: Beverley v Selby, Brislington v Roce. Rockciff v Roon: Thomensans v Old Hymenians, Westor v Ashengton, Durham and Northumberland: First division: Horden, Darlington RA v Sunderland, Rylon v Mowden Park.

Park.

HOCKEY

TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL
LEAGUE: First division: Esing v Sherwood, Wimbledon v Hightown, Lecester v Yate and South Gloucester, Cintron v FP
Sutton Colditeld Chelmshird v Doncaster, Ipswich v Slough Second division: Lewerch v Slough Second division: Inswind v Harleston Magpies, Eumouth v Bracknell
PERONS SOUTH LEAGUE: Pramier division: Anchorans v Old Tauhionanhi: Camberley v Marden Russots, Chichester v High Wycombe; Fareham v Old Bordenans. Old Middingriphians v Astriord; Oxford Hawkis v Bognor, Stemet v Working; Tumbindige Wells v Worthing, Winchester v Eastcota. Regionalis: Hampshive and Surrey: Barnes v Metropolitan Polica; Epsom v Prest; Goan v Fleet; Hamble Old Boys v Merton, Nat West Barni v Oxfed, Old Edwardens v Oxshott; Old Whitghtens v Old Walcoumbans; Southampton University v Criv of Portsmouth; Walton v Basingstoke. Kent and Sussex: BICC v Severnois; Burni Ash v Middlester, Edwardens v Old Becchamins, Burni Ash v Middlester, Loyda Bank v Herne Bay, Old Veltamston; Bracknell v Aylesbury, City of Oxford v Wokingham, Mil Hill v Gerrards Cross, NPI, v Menfow, Southaghs of Nersham v Henton; Bracknell v Aylesbury, City of Oxford v Wokingham, Mil Hill v Gerrards Cross, NPI, v Menfow, Southaghs And v Henresh, Sunbary v Harrow; Windsor v Ode Merchant Taylors; Witney v Remarghia.
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Cheam v London University; Dukwich v Hampsteed and Westminister, Maddenhead v Blackheath, Mid Surrey v Weybridge Hawks; Putley v Oxford University; Spence v Backenham; Tuke Hill v Cambridge University; Dukwich v Hampsteed and Westminister, Maddenhead v Blackheath, Mid Surrey v Weybridge Hawks; Putley v Oxford University; Spence v Backenham; Tuke

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Beeston v Olton and West Warwick: Belper v Bridgnarth. Blowsch v Notingham, Conntry and North Warwicks v Edgbaston. Lecester Westleigh v Kralsa.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE. Premier division: Bestleyters be Eastern.

v Wisboch
SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier
division: Bath Buccs v Gloucester City.
Clevedon v Bristot East Devon v West
Gloucester, Exister Crickets v Orter Vale.
Mariborough v Prymouth. Westbury
Banks v Exeter University
NORTH EAST LEAGUE: First division:
Carliste v Redcar Devlington v
Whitehaven, Morpetti v Tymedale, South
Shields v Norton, Stockton v Billingham.
Tynemouth v Sanderland
WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL LEAGUES: WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL LEAGUES: East Anchorens v Sevenoaks, Blueharia Wakefield v Great Harwood. South:
Chearn v Sunbury. Eastbole v Woring:
Reading v Worthing. Winchester v Tro-jans. Winchmone hill v Southampton
West BAC v Chettermen: Boomernouth
v Firebrands Colveal v Windhome. East
Goucester v Weston Green Dragons v
Leoninster Recland v Exeter, Teuriton
Valle v Ciducester Club matches:
Bournville v Olton. Crimison Painiblers v
Hampton, Newtown v Suckley.

BASKETBALL

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CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE:
Mer: First division. Brunapham Bullets v
Manchester Gants, Hemel Hempsteed
Royals v London Towers, Krigston V
berty Bucks, L'excepter Piders v Cheshire
Jets. Trames Valley Tigers v Worthing
Bears Second division: Bury Lobes v
Greenwich. Coventry Flyers v Barmsley
Generals, Doncaster Eegles v Cotnam
Celicis, Ware v Cardiff Buccaneers Third
division: Calderdale Explorers v Solent
Stere. Crystal Palace Semons v Sheffield.
Chillien Fastbreak v Setgenide Record
Lacaster Falicis v Stevenide Phoens.
Nath London v Cheshire Bulls. Women:
First division: Leoester v London Central
VMCA. Sheffield Hatters v Nottrugham
Widcats Second division: Camberley
Golden Eagle v South Tyneads

ICE HOCKEY HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pro HEINEREN NA) Rovers Lerrande I in milet derision: Humbersule Sestawks v Cardiff Devila, Notinghem Partibets v Durham Waspe First division: Lee Valley Durham Waspe First division: Lee Valley Lee Valley (Session Lee Valley Durnam Waspie Frat Caristion; Lee Valley Lons v Beangstoke Beavers; Mitton Keynes Kings v Blackburn Blackhewks; Tellord Tigers v Stough Julis ENGLISH LEAGUE: Sunderland Chefs v Scient Vikings, Outbrd City Stars v Sheffield Steelers.

VOLLEYBALL

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ROYAL BANK MATIONAL LEAGUE
Ment: First division: Aquata v Polonia
Esing: Newcasse (Staffs) VC v Team
Mizuno Malory, Coventry Riga v Resoat
Liverpool City, Pillon Leads v Wesser;
Mencheater Utd v Speathwell Rucanor,
Second division: Gateshead Armitage v
Dalston Old Boya, Essex Estonian v RAF:
Radio Trent Rockats v RTB Chester;
Weymouth Jewson v Crunch 91; Dynamo
London v Malory B; Esstway Men v Team
Knighta I, Women: Second division:
Chelmistord Partners v Speedwell, Speri,
v Purtnock (Portamosth), Manchester Utd
v Lakeland Ladies, Radio Trent Rockets v
Reebok Liverpool City, Dynamo London 8
v Polonia Ledies.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Men's national cross-coun try championships (Newark), BOWLS: World men's indoor ch ships Pairs final (Guid Hall, Press CYCLING: CC Breckland 10 (East Wrethern, 2 (), Fareham Wheelers Hay () (Hambledon, 2.0); Nova two-up 25 (Byley,

SNOCKER: British Open (Derby). TENNIS: LTA men's triction satisfilite tournament (Cravillan)

Familiarity brings best out of Price

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

JOHN Price, of Swansea. who won the world title two years ago, qualified for the final of the Midland Bank bowls world indoor singles championship when he beat his club colleague, Steve Rees, 7-4, 7-6, 6-7, 5-7, 7-5 at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday.

Long-standing pairs part-ners — they won the Welsh title in 1984 and reached the world indoor pairs final in 1987 — their friendship and knowledge of each other's play may have eased the tension but did not reduce the cut and thrust

Price, tall, slender and be-spectacled, and Rees, sturdy and stolid, frequently exchanged smiles and knowing glances, applauded each other's best shots, and, occasionally, even shook hands in mutual congratulation. That, however, was where their generosity ended. They stole points from each other using delicately drawn deliveries, gentle take-outs and telling trails: a dazzling yet subtle range of the best shots in the book.

When aggression was required, their strike-rate was high. Rees once, in the third set, exacted a full house by force; but Price replied in kind with some excellent bulls-eyes of his own.

Price, having won the first set, almost lost the second, having to wrest it from Rees's grasp with a perfectly directed delivery that stunned against his opponent's shot, barely half an inch from the jack, breaking a 6-6 deadlock.

At 6-6 in the third set, Rees saved the match and established a set lie with his third bowl. Price missed with his drive, and lost the fourth set, 7-5 in similar fashion.

The players exchanged

doubles on the opening two ends of the decider before Price edged ahead with a single. A Rees drive, that missed its target by the width of a cigarette paper, saw Price count three to move 6-2 ahead. Rees closed with a double and then after two Price drives had missed their target, it was Rees who held the three shots that would have given him a place in the

Price drew second shot with his last delivery and a single on the next end gave Price the set and a place in the final for the second time in three

Price and Rees prepared for these championships at the Port Talbot arena, where the carpet resembles that on the portable rink. Rees's partner in his training was Price's step-son. Jon Liddiard, who is, at the age of 12, marked out as a fine prospect.



Rink master: Price delivers a bowl in yesterday's semi-final victory in Preston

SNOOKER

Return to form is timely for **Davis**

By PHIL YATES

IT IS often said that the true hallmark of a champion in any sport is an ability to win while playing below his best. Steve Davis, in establishing a 5-3 first-session lead over Jimmy White in their best of 17-frame Pearl Assurance British Open semi-final at Derby yesterday, did precise-

Davis's progress in the tournament has been laboured to say the least but when he compiled an assured 111 break in the second frame to lead 2-0, it appeared that the form he displayed to capture the Mercantile Credit Classic and Asian Open titles last month had returned.

White recovered to 2-2 but, after the interval, he was erratic. Making only one break of any note, a 54, Davis won the next three frames before White cleared the last red to pink in the eighth frame. Davis was left requiring four of the remaining nine frames to extend his unbeaten run in ranking events to 15

Recklessness and consistently over-ambitious choice of shot prevented James Wattana securing a first-ses-sion lead over Ken Doherty, of Ireland. Twice, Wattana missed pivotal reds as a direct result of being unbalanced through over-stretching. He trailed 4-3 before levelling at

ATHLETICS

Plaziat's efforts relieve a day of near-boredom

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN GENOA

A LOT moved but not much happened on the first day of the European indoor championships here yesterday. In an eight-hour programme, only three sets of medals were decided. Almost everything else was like the first 15 minutes in the barber's chair: the haircut before the styling.

The latter starts today. The men's and women's 60 metres champions will be identi-fied, with Jason Livingston, of Britain, and Anelia Nuneva, of Bulgaria, the favourites. There is also the most competitive event of all, the women's high jump; the first six from the world championships in Tokyo are expected and Heike Henkel, the German who set a world record 2.07 metres recently, may need to repeat that form to beat Stefka Kostadinova,

from Bulgaria.

The first gold went to
Larisa Berezhnaya, of the CIS, with a long jump of 7.00 metres, comfortably clear of the opposition. Yesterday's other victories went to Giovanni de Benedictis, of Italy, in the 5,000 metres walk and Lilliana Nastase, of Romania, in the pentathlon. None was particularly worth watching.

There was little that was, though the efforts of Christian Plaziat, the Frenchman who is on course for a world record in the heptathlon, was respite from the boredom. If it was necessary to stage these championships over three days instead of two, more substance should have been

built into the first-day schedule. Yesterday ended in laughable circumstances. Heats for the men's 400 metres were deemed necessary to eliminate an athlete who did not turn up. The heats were held to reduce 13 competitors to 12 for the semi-finals, but the absence of Alvar Ojastu, of Estonia, made the excercise a waste of time.

Thus, Gary Cadogan was spared the ignominy of being the only British athlete to be eliminated on the first day. He was a listless last in the opening hear but has made the semi-finals. More promising was the form of Britain's 800 metres contingent and the team's one 3,000 metres entry, John Mayock.

In his semi-final, Mayock aged 21, improved his best time by eight seconds to 8 min 53.11sec and seemed to have enough to spare to trouble the three Italians and three Spaniards in the final tomorrow. Martin Steele, Andrew Lill and Brian Whittle reached the 800 metres semi-

Steele looked the most likely to extend Britain's sequence of three successive European championship wins through David Sharp. Steve Heard and Tom McKean. The sequence of 26 successive wins by eastern European athletes in the women's 60 metres hurdles could be broken by the Frenchwoman, Monique Ewanje-Epée.

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Growing optimism that Morley Street will be fit to defend title

Champion faces vital workout

By RICHARD EVANS

MORLEY Street will have a workout with Forest Sun this morning, which should determine whether the champion hurdler can defend his title at Cheltenham in ten days' time.

Toby Balding's star appears to have recovered from an infection to his near fore; but the 24 hours after today's exercise will be critical.

"The horse cantered yester-day and had a little blow this morning and I have to say I am hopeful. There is no heat in the leg and no swelling," the trainer said at Newbury "It has been scanned and it

was clean. I am sure it was an infection. My only worry is that we might have a reaction after the work. I will issue another statement on Sunday morning."

Nicky Henderson has no such worries about Remittance Man whom he announced yesterday would definitely line up for the Chase rather than the Cathcart Challenge Cup.

The poser facing Hender-son is which jockey will ride his big-race favourite. Rich-ard Dunwoody is required by David Nicholson for Waterloo Boy, runner-up in this event for the past two years, and if Oliver Sherwood fails to persuade the owners of Young Snugfit to wait for Liverpool, Jamie Osborne will not be available.

Peter Scudamore, probably without a ride in the two-mile chase could be booked by Henderson. The champion jockey, who is already set to ride the market leaders in the Champion Hurdle and Gold Cup, would then have a rare Cheltenham treble of big-race favourites.

Cheltenham was at the

forefront of everyone's mind at Newbury yesterday as Teaplanter and Tom Troubadour ended their festival preparations in the winner's enclosure.

Teaplanter will be the

short-priced favourite for the Foxhunters' and he always looked like justifying his odds of 7-2 on in the Peter Hamer Memorial Hunter Chase, despite being less than foot per-

fect at a couple of fences. "He had to race a bit today and, hopefully, the race will have put him just right. He tends to go to sleep when he is behind and that is when he makes mistakes and gets careless, but Marcus



Gifford: high regard for Tom Troubadour

with him today." Caroline Saunders, the trainer of

Teaplanter, said.
"Josh Gifford could barely disguise his hopes for Tom Troubadour in the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap Chase after his improving chaser was ridden to perfection by Declan Murphy to win the Geoffrey Gilbey Handicap Chase quite comfortably.

The nine-year-old has been given 8st 12lb for one of the festival's most competitive handicaps. "He is quite well in," Gifford said with a broad smile. "He has always been a good horse, but he had two unlucky falls last year which rocked his confidence. Formnately, he has put that behind him now."

Guiburn's Nephew always reserves his best form following a lengthy absence from racing and yesterday he returned after a winter holiday and 85 days off the course to win the Arkell Brewery Handicap Chase.

Bengough blames minority

By Richard Evans

A small minority of jockeys were blamed yesterday for continually misusing the whip on horses during races. Sir Piers Bengough, head of the Jockey Club's disci-plinary committee, told a riders' deputation that unless the offending jockeys could be stopped the reputation of racing would suffer "severely"

led by Michael Caulfield, suggested setting up a joint committee with the Jockey Club to monitor riding The Jockey Chub recently

introduced a minimum four-day ban for whipping of-fences, but some jockeys believe they are now being unfairly penalised despite following the guidelines. "Top-class riders are now

being suspended for good riding and they are in a no-win position," Caulfield said. Murray inquest, page 3

Kribensis pleases on return

By MICHAEL SEELY

KRIBENSIS was decisively beaten by Bank View in the Boodle and Dunthorne Diamond Hurdle at Haydock esterday but remains on target for the Champion Hurdle.

"It was disappointing that he was beaten," Michael Stoute, the grey's trainer, said. "Bur he must have been ring-rusty having his first race for nearly two years. If he remains sound in the next 72 hours, I'd still like to send him

Two hurdles from home the whole field were spread in line abreast across the course. But as Michael Duffy drove Bank View into the lead, Kribensis, an uneasy favourite at 5-4 on, came under Staying on the stronger,

Bank View won by two-and-ahalf lengths with Randolph Place two lengths away third. Richard Dunwoody, who won the 1990 Champion

Hurdle on Kribensis and rode him again yesterday, said: "He jumped well and travelled very strongly until he blew up when the pace quickened between the last

two. If it had been any other horse but Kribensis. you'd have been very pleased with him. It's such a pity that there isn't a bit more time between

Duffy, Bank View's 26-year-old Tipperary-based jockey, was riding his first winner on his first mount in Britain, having been engaged by Nigel Tinkler with a view to renewing the partnership at the National Hunt Fest-

"Bank View has 10st 12lb in the County Hurdle," Tink-ler said. "He doesn't get a penalty so, if the weights don't go up, he'll run in that Otherwise he'll have to go for the big one."
Backers of Royal Gait at

long prices for the championship will have noted with glee that Bank View had previously finished third behind Sheikh Mohammed's outstanding novice in Notting-ham's City Trial Hurdle.

"Royal Gait is continuing to go well," Anthony Stroud, the sheikh's racing manager, said. "He's a class horse and he's got to take his chance."

Kribensis is now top quoted at 14-1 with Ladbrokes, who have Granville Again as their favourite at 11-4. They then go 7-2 Royal Gait (from 4-1),

and the champion trainer and Peter Scudamore landed a short-priced double with Run For Free and Valfinet.

The favourite backers who cheered Run For Free home in the Cadogan Estates Novices Chase were not the only people delighted by the style of the winner's jumping.

"Peter said he jumped bril-

than Miinnehoma."

Ladbrokes have Minnejoint-favourites at 5-1. They Free remains a 14-1 chance.

Landsker Alfred set for *Times* qualifier

By Brian Beel THE locally-trained Land-sker Alfred may follow up his maiden win at the Vale of Clettwr in the second division of The Times championship oualifier at the **Pembroke**shire point-to-point today.

Under Dai Jones, he put up an impressive performance in 11 seconds faster time than that taken by Bartondale, first in the restricted later the same afternoon. This one is in opposition here, but his 7lb penalty will be against him and the one to follow Landsker Alfred home could be the other Ewr Lon maiden

News Review was a good second to Sam's Heritage at Whitwick last Saturday, and he looks the pick in division two. Corry's Caper and Daisy Miller may prove best of the

Only one race has been scheduled for The Times qualifier at Hursley Hambledon but with a safety factor of 18 and an entry of 38, a split may be needed.

It may be sensible to eliminate from the reckoning all prior winners of restricted races - who will have to carry 13 stone — and those left, Shrill Whistle and the muchimproved Seasonal Spirit,

appear the pick.
The first of the new BMW series qualifiers, also run at this meeting, will afford an opportunity for Ascertalmoor to better his recent Larkhill second.

Aiready qualified for the RMC final, Stisted Park

should win that sponsor's race again at the Cambridge University, though a strong challenge will come from both Skygrange and Perroquet

In the equivalent event at the Beaufort, Bee Garden should hold Khattaf but, if the latter chooses instead to go in the qualifier at the East Devon, he is the one who could have the edge over Roving Glen.

Final Chant, runner-up to Dun Gay Lass at Kelso, looks to be best in for the Land Rover event at the Sinnington, while Dun Gay Lass should have an easy final preparation race for Cheltenham in the Berwickshire

Today's fixtures

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Berwickshire: Friers Haugh, 1 mile west of Kelso (first race, 1pm); Cumbridge University: Cottenham, 5m NE of Cambridge (12:30); Dulse of Beauteria: Didmenton, 6m SW of Tetoury (12:30); East Devon: Cyst St Mary, 5m W of Easter (12:30); East Devon: Cyst St Mary, 5m W of Easter (12:30); East Devon: Cyst St Mary, 5m W of Easter (12:30); East Devon: Cyst St Marsey Hufford: Thorpa, 3m SW of Newark (12:45); Hursley Hambrideshive: Lydslep, 3m SW of Tenby (12:30); Shurington: Duscombe Park, 1m SW of Heimsley (12:30); South Cornwall: Great Trailey (12:30); South Cornwall: Great Trailey (12:30); Swatch Carriage: Great Trailey (12:30); West Shropshive: Weston Park, 6m E of Telford (12:30).

Racing next week

MONDAY: Windsor, Letcester, Southwell (AW). TUESDAY: War-wick, Sedgefield, Lingfield Park (AW). WEDNESDAY: Catterick (AW). WEDNESDAY: Catterick Bridge, Ampor, Folkestone, Southwell (AW). THURSDAY: Wincanton, Stratford, Lingfield Park (AW). FRIDAY: Sandown Park, Carlisle, Market Rasen. Southwell (AW) SATURDAY: Sandown Park, Chepstow, Doncaster, Ayr, Lingfield Park (AW).

MANDARIN

1.50 Absalom's Lady. 2.20 Star Season. 2.50 Black Humour. 3.20 Sybillin. 3.50 Orithyia. 4.20 Dun-can. 4.55 Sterling Buck. THUNDERER

1.50 Absalom's Lady. 2.20 Worthy Knight. 2.50 Liadett. 3.20 Sybillin. 3.50 Polyplate. 4.20 Spartan Chief. 4.55 Cabin Hill. Brian Beel: 4.20 Duncan.

GOING: GOOD

1.50 ST DAVID'S NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235: 2m) (6 runners)

2.20 NEWENT CHASE (£2,320: 2m 3f) (3 runners)

1 2-90 KINGS WILD 188 (CD.F) A Jones 11-11-1 __ G Upton 2 0121 STAR SEASON 18 (CD.G.S) R Holder B-10-12 N Mann 3 23P1 WORTHY KINGHT 6 (F.G.S) J Jenders 11-10-12. — 4-5 Star Season, 11-8 Worthy Knight, 11-2 Kings Wild.

2.50 malvern novices chase (£1,860: 2m) (10)

1 4211 LIADETT 12 (F.G.S) M Pipe 7-11-9. S Earle 2 F1F4 BLACK HUMOUR 25 (D.G.S) C Brooks B-11-6 3 McNeil 3 POOP ADAMS IMPRIRT 17 (F) Mrs G Jones 9-11-2

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4 3-P4 BRIDGETOWN LAD 7 M Mexic 11-11-2 ... N Mann
5 -005 EXPOUND 71 (G) R Juches 7-11-2 ... NON-RUNNER
6 -SP6 PLAS-HENDY 6S R Lee 5-11-2 E Tienney (S)
7 2/F RICKESTON LAD 28 (S) B Paling 9-11-2 ... C Events
8 0-05 CELTIC CHIMES 50 (G) G Enright 8-10-11 R Bellamy
9 08UP KEE KEE'S DREAM 40 K White 8-10-11 ... A C'Hagan
10 -F2S SAUNDERS LASS 19 (F) P Bevan 8-10-11 ... T Wall 6-11 Black Humour, 5-4 Liedelt, 16-1 Saunders Lase, 20-1 Richeston Lad, 50-1 others.

3.20 FRED RIMELL HURDLE (£2,204: 2m) (2)

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1 -060 GAY RUFFIAN 22 (D,G,S) D Surchell 6-11-6
D J Burchell
2 6104 SHU FLY 14 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Oliver 8-11-6
V Slettery (5) 3 1135 SYBILLIN 42 (CD,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-6 D Syme 4 4131 PRAS GUNNER 55 (D,G) D Burcher 4-10-10 3 Davier (3) 8-15 Syblish, 3-1 Shu Fly, 5-1 Gay Ruttien, 20-1 Pims Gunner.

3.50 FEBRUARY NOVICES SELLING HUR-DLE (£1,165: 2m 3f) (13)

8-13 Onthyle, 3-1 Polyolete, 8-1 Northern Gänt, 14-1 Gledys Emenuel, 18-1 Gelwey Harbour, 20-1 others

4.20 CHARLIE KNIPE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,329: 3m 1f) (16) ·

IMateurs: E1,3/25: 3ff 17) (10)

1 22-7 DIRCAN 14 (G) May C Saunders 7-12-4. M Armyttige
2 PJ- MARTIN THOMAS 246 (0.8) D Powell 9-12-4. T Jones (7)

3 25-6 MBLK CUOTA 14 (CD.G) B Extiny 9-12-4... P C (Keefs (7)

4 PS-0. PADOY'S POND 10 (0.7) N Recar 14-12-4. M COM-RUMBER

5 PS- RON CAMELLO 283 (P) P Murphy 16-12-4. P L Murphy (7)

8 1-4U SPARTAN CHEF 7 (P) Mrs G Jones 11-12-4... N Jones (7)

U1-0 THEFTERNOLYBARSER 19 (CD.F) Lindy Suan Books

5 PS-12-4 Miles C Thomas (7)

10 45 FIELDS MAN 19 G Lewis 10-120 M Fishel (7)
10 45 FIELDS MAN 19 G Lewis 10-120 W Fishel (7)
11 P FIELDLY PRECISES 28 R Windows 9-120 R Martin (7)
12 PY GEORGE GREY 794 F Matthews 6-120 B Policit (7)
13 JF0 PROGRESSIVE 25 Mm S Williams 13-120
14 3-P0 TUDOR RIDGE 5F Barton 7-120 Miles L Delvis (7)
15 FP7 BUSY MITTENS 701 S Malins 11-11-9 E Befley (7)
16 EXPENSIVE LARK D Smith 10-11-9 E Befley (7)
17 EXPENSIVE LARK D Smith 10-11-9 Chief (8-1 Chance Buy, 10-1 Expensive Lark, 12-1 others.

4.55 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,482: 2m) (12)

HURDLE (E1,402: 2m) (12)

1 01 SAFFAAH 19 (CD,G) W Mult 5-11-11 S McNells 2.0541 SCHWEPPES TONEC 19 (CD,G) W Price 6-10-9

3 -033 NIDOMI 52 G Enright 5-10-6 R Moore (7) 4 0-54 CABIN HILL 18 3 Christian 6-10-3 R Moore (7) 4 0-54 CABIN HILL 18 3 Christian 6-10-3 N Colomban 6-10-8 Mr SWAN SONG 19 (F) J Smith 7-10-2 L Learnetich 7 P32 STEPLING BUCK 24 G Yardey 5-10-1 D Learny (7) 8 (7-4 DARING CLASS 9 P ROCKING 6-10-0 D Morris 9 6000 EMEPALD RULER 10 (6F) F Jordan 5-10-3 W McFarlant 10 0F6 PERFECTLY POSSIBLE 25 R Earnetice 7-10-1 Shacon (7) 11 -5PP AVISAK 19 G Yardey 7-10-0 Martin Jones 2-1 Saffash, 9-2 Cabin Hall 11-2 Nidomi, 6-1 Schweppes Tonle,

2-1 Seffash, 9-2 Cabin Hill, 11-2 Nidomi, 6-1 Schweppes Tonk 13-2 My Swan Song, 10-1 Loch Duich, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: S Caristian, 6 winners from 15 runners, 40%; N Tribler, 4 from 10, 40%; G Enright, 3 from 8, 37.5%; C Brooks, 4 from 13, 30.5%; M Pipe, 34 from 114, 29.8%; D Nicholson, 16 from 57, 28.1%; JOCKEYS: D Leatry, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; D J Burchell, 12 from 48, 25%; N Mann, 8 from 38, 21.1%; S McNell, 7 from 49, 4.2%; E Tierney, 4 from 28, 14.3%; S Earle, 8 from 59, 13.6%.

MANDARIN

2.00 Charterforhardware 2.30 Change The Name. 3,05 Over The Road. 3.35 The Blue Boy. 4.10 Woodlard Flower. 4.40 Lumberjack. 5.10 High THUNDERER 2.00 Charterforhardware. 2.30 Change The Name. 3.05 The Leggett. 3.35 The Blue Boy. 4.10 Woodland Flower. 4.40 Sikera Spy. 5.10 Woodstock

GOING: GOOD (WATERED)

2.00 LEAP YEAR NATIONAL HUNT NOVI-

CES HURDLE (£1,614: 2m 11) (9)

1 By AVARICE 722 T Kitsey 6-11-6 Susen Kersey
2 F-P BUSTONIAN 58.W A Stephenson 6-11-6 K Johnson
3 90 CALING WOOD 63 J Leigh 6-11-6 K Johnson
4 429 CHARTESFORHARDWARE 28 M Plos 6-11-6 P Niven
5 4422 CHARTESFORHARDWARE 28 M Plos 6-11-6 P Niven
5 482 HORNBLOWER 48 (V) M H Eastenty 5-11-6 R Pathey
6 P69 KING BOO 40 G Keig 6-11-6 C Woodel (7)
7 0 NOMELTY ISLAND SAW W Eastenty 5-11-6 C Rysin
8 SCOTTS DIAMOND K Morgan 5-11-6 C Rysin
9 46 RHOMAN COIN 40 B Robinsol 4-10-12 Market island

11-10 Charlestornerchiare, 9-4 Hornblower, 10-1 Novelty Island, 20-1 Rhoman Coin, 25-1 Bustonian, King Boo, 33-1 others. 2.30 AF BUDGE NOVICES CHASE (£2,945; 2m 6f) (4) 1 6-P1 - CHANGE THE NAME 8 (BLF,G,S) 8 Rommel 9-11-12

7 Supple 2 - 6F2 GREYSBY, 15 (V.G.S) © Brennen 10-11-3 M Brennen 30PPP ROONEY 22 G Oldreys 5-11-3 P Midgley (7) 4 14P4 YORKSHIREMAN 11 (F.G.S) J Glovier 7-11-5 H Davies 45 Change The Name, 5-4 Yorkshistrian, 12-1 Greysby, 20-1 Rooney.

3.05 COLIN G R BOOTH TRANSPORT
HANDICAP CHASE (£4,425: 3m) (7)

1 P2P2 THE LEGGETT 16 (D.F.G.S) M Pipe 9-11-10. P. Niven
2 P161 KNIGHT OIL 21 (B.D.F.G.S) O Sbernfoot 9-11-10

M Richards
3 9-03 OVER THE ROAD 27 (6.5) J Upson 11-11-1 8 Supple
4 1804 BISHOPDALE 50 (CD.F.G.S) W Shipherson 11-11-19

K Johnson

K Johnson 5 S/G RAPIER THRUST 16 (F.G.S) Jimmy Pizzerald 10-11-5 W Dwen (7) W Dwgn (7)

9 - 898 MOURITEBOR 2 (D.BF.F.G.S) J Edwards 8-10-4 NON-RUNNER

7 - 32P2 DECENT MAN 9 (CD.S) P Beaumont 9-10-0 P A Ferrell 94 Over The Road: 114 Knight Oil, 31 The Leggett, 61 Bishopdele, 10-1 Rapier Thrust, 16-1 December.

3.35 NEWARK STORAGE JUVENILE HUR-DLE (4-Y-O: £3,184; 2m-11) (8)

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1 211 CAROMANDOO 21 (6.3) B Numey 11-7 P Midgley (7):
2 2222 THE BLUE BOY 59 (5.0) F (3) M Pipe Y1-7. P Niven:
3 1 MARGHES LAD 20+(CD.P) L Codd 11-4 P Niven:
4 2102 EET THE STANDAFOE 6 (7) A Wilders 11-4
G Thomson (7):
5 CRUISE PARTY 128F Mrs D Haire 11-0. M-Lynch:
6 00 FETTLE LIP 64 J Wharton 11-0. SJ CYNES:
7 4003 LW SOLVERWIN 7 M Chapman 11-0. W Worthington:
8 0 SALLY FAY 14 T Kersey 19-9. Suean Kersey:
12 The Bun Boy, 5-1 Caromandon, 10-1 Nanggles Lad, 16-1 others.

8-1 Fidway and Gran Alba.
With the festival only ten
days away, Martin Pipe's stable continues in peak form

liantly," Chester Barnes, Pipe's assistant, said. "He's in the Sun Alliance and the Cathcart at Cheltenham. If he runs in the Sun Alliance, I don't know which Peter would choose. After all, Run For Free was a better hurdler

homa and Mutare as their then go 6-1 General idea and 8-1 Bradbury Star. Run For

4.10 VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL LONG DISTANCE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,742: 3m) (13) 1 1512 SALLY'S GEM 19 (G) J White 7-11-13 ... B Cafford (3) 2 8-01 ARTFUL ARTHUR 18 (B,D,G) J McConnochie 8-11-8

2 9-01 ARTH-UL ARTH-UR 18 (B.D.G.) J McConnochie 8-11-8
J Publin (7)
3 0515 JEFFERSY 21 (V.CD.G.) J Genore 5-18-8. S D Williams (7)
4 465 ARD TMATCH 30 (V.G.A.) A Fortes 7-11-3. J O'Ntenion (7)
5: 65 FRIELEGH BUILDS 22 J Lipson 5-11-3. R Supple
6 4P High LAND RALLY 16 Jimmy Rizgerald 5-11-3. P Never
7 00 MCORLANDS VIEW 21 P Beaustrant 6-11-3. P Farrell
8 0 ON CUE 22 Ms V Acorticy 5-11-3. P Harley
9 45-8 SANSOOL 5-8 Myhilms 6-5-11-3. G Thomson (7)
10 0-13 WCODLAND FLOWER 11 (G) O Sha. 400d 7-11-3
M Richards
11 004P MEDMIGHT FLOTILLA 9 J Eyre 6-10-12. A Multicliand
12 0543 MISS CAPULET 39 T Downsky 5-10-12. Mit M Ranger
2-1 Fiveleigh Builds, 11-4 Woodland Flower, 5-1 Sally's Germ.
10-1 Hightend Relby, Jefferby, 16-1 Arthul Arthur, 20-1 others.

4.40 PETER BONTOFT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,574: 2m 4f) (10) • 22,5/4: 2014-0) (10) 1 P4P2 LUMBERJACK 10 (B,C,D,G,S) Jimmy Fitzperaki 8-12-0 P Niven

2 2223 SPEECH 152 (C.D.BF.F) W A Stephenson 9-11-8 K. Johnson 3-442 SIKERA SPY 17 (D.F) Mrs A Hewitt 10-11-1 S.J.O'Nell 4 3236 OFFICER GROWLER 47 (B.Q.S) Mrs D Haine 3-M Lynch 5 -500 INVASION 23 (V.C.F.G.S) O Brannen 8-10-3 M Brennen 6 RESF DIE IN THE SKY 102 (F) Mrs 7 McInnes Science 11-10-0 B Cifford (3) 7 0423 BILL AND COUP 17 (C.D.F.G) K Morgan 7-10-0

M Richards
8 3644 MOE GREENE 14 (C.D.F.G.S) J McConnochie 12-10-0 9 2824 VALENTINOS JOY 10 (C,F,G,S) G Okoryci 13-10-0
10 34PS WISE CRACKER 93 (C,D,F,G,S) F Coton 11-10-0
S Turner

11-4 Stiera Soy, 4-1 Bill And Coup. 5-1 Lumberjack. Officer Growler, 10-1 Die in The Sky, 12-1 Speech, 14-1 others. 5.10 LEVY BOARD LEAP YEAR NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,601: 2m 3f 110yd) (12)

1 OAPP HIGH PADRESS Jimmy Pitzgerald 6-11-10 W Dwan (7)
2 144P HIGH PADRESS Jimmy Pitzgerald 6-11-10 W Dwan (7)
2 1441 MARA ASKARI 10 (V) Herit 4-11-5 JA Hente
3 6400 MAN OF THE GRANGE 23 O Brennen 6-11-4
M Bronnen
4 504 MADEN OF IRON 7 (8) J McConnectie 4-11-5
J Pullin (7)
5 -545 DONT TELL THE WIFE 52 Mrs D Heine 6-11-0
M Lynch

6 -054 ENKINDLE 21 B Murray 5-11-0 M Lynch
7 0222 TENDARI 25 J Jefferson 4-10-11 R Murrayh (5)
8 1561 PHALAROPE 14 (6) J Harris 4-10-6 Mr A Wattori
9 6046 WOODSTOCK LOOGE 22 D Frienka 4-10-4 P Cart (7)
10 6-09 TRENTSIDE VALOUR 16 C Smith 7-10-1 Mr M Ranger
11 0P6 NEXT 900M 58 K Margan 4-10-1 Mr M Ranger
12 P-P0 LITTLE SAFFRONS 15 (6) T Cuminghers 5-10-0

S Cushingson 7-2 High Padre, 9-2 Mars Askarl, 5-1 Dont Tell The Wile, 8-1 Pheisrope, 10-1 Maiden Ofton, Woodstock Lodge, 12-1 others, COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 15 winners from 45 runners, 33.3%; J Waarton, 21 from 98, 28.2%; M W Easterby, 17 from 66, 25.5%; Jirany Fitzgerald, 27 from 105, 25.7%; J Glover, 7 from 32, 21.5%; J Edwards, 6 from 26, 20.7. JOCKEYS, K. Johnson, 7 winners from 25 rices, 28,9%; P. Mines, 20 from 102, 19,8%; H. Davies, S. from 21, 14,3%; M. Pennikar, 77 from 129, 19,8%; R. Bupple, 6 from 49, 12,2%, (Coly qualifiers.)

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(£2,108: 7f) (9 runners)

fine Haydock run Richards's successful Greystoke yard, can extend his unbeaten record at The remarkable of the first of

nating in that victory in today's race on the corresponding occasion last year.
Following a disappointing
effort first time our this season at Chepstow, Twin Oaks returned to form just as soon as he returned to Haydock. He won the Mitsubishi Shogun Trophy by 20 lengths, then the Peter Marsh Chase a

each time making virtually all the running.
On the latter occasion he impressed when repelling the challenges of Gold Options and Romany King, who have not let the form down in their subsequent races at Leo-

formight later by five lengths.

pardstown and Kempton. With the exception of Da-vid's Duky and Withybank, all the runners are still engaged in the Grand National. Cool Ground was disappointing at Newcastle a fortnight ago when he finished only seventh behind David's

Duky in the Eider Chase. Seagram, the winner of last year's National, has failed to get his act together this season but Party Politics is best judged on his second in the Hennessy Gold Cup and the

SANGELE PARK

2.10 Jaromic. 2.40 African Chimes. 3.10 El Volador. 3.40 Sally's Son. 4.10 In The Game. 4.40 Mun-

2.10 Amazon Express. 2.40 African Chimes. 3.10 El Volador. 3.40 Go Executive. 4.10 Murmuring. 4.40

1 -111 AFRICAN CHIMES 28 (CD.F) W O'Gomen 5-8-7
Emma O'Gomen (5) 4
 2 00-0 HITCHIN A RIDE 17 (6) M Maggeridge 5-8-2

Fulfillarys 3

3 008- DAZZLE THE CROWD 93 C Cycer 48-10 G Carter 1 4 314- RIVER CHASE 16J (F,Q) K Baley 48-8 R Coctrane 2 5 70-0 RNOCATION 14 A Moore 58-5 N Advance 5 6 00-8 PETANK 29 (E) Pet Milicinal 48-4 R Turner (7) 8 Advance 5 Charles 5 Advance 5 Charles 5

1-2 African Chimes, 7-2 River Chase, 6-1 Petank, 10-1 Dezzle The Crowd, 20-1 Invocation, 25-1 Hitchin A Ride.

3.10 WILLIAM HILL AMATEUR RIDERS'

T -122 EL VOLADOR 28 (BF,C,F) R O'Sullivan 5-12-0

1 -122 EL VOLADOR 28 (BF,C,F) R O'Sullivan \$-12-0
Eaire Bronson
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1 -122 AWESOME POWER 14 (S) C Nelson 6-11-12
3 100- HILLS OF HOY 147 (D,F) K Belley 6-11-12
Trancy Belley (5) 2
4 0423 TENAYESTELIGN 7 (G) D Marks 4-11-5
Kelly Marks 11
5 404- GREEN'S CASSATT 18J (F) W Brisbourne 4-11-3
"Yeone Haynes
6 700- CASTLEACRE 19J C Smith 6-10-12.... A Phillips (6) 3
7 0-05 PRICELESS FANTASY 17 (F,G.S) Pai Mitchell 5-10-8
Lucy Sinyzer (5) 10
8 0044 VERRO 15 (B) J Bernset 5-10-4.... Alson Purity (9) 7
9 30-0 INTERNAL AFFAIR 25 (S) J Peacre 4-10-2
Lydix Pearce 1

9 30-0 INTERNAL AFFAIR 25 (S) J Pearce 4-10-2
10 00-0 NORTH-WEST ONE 17 H Collingridge 4-10-1
11 0-05 CLEAR IDEA 11 C Nelson 4-10-0 Sally-Arane Billot 13
12 050- MARDIOR 179 W Wightman 4-9-11 _____ G Killo (6) 5
13 -636 OUR TOPSIE 11 (S) F Charlony 5-9-1
Disnut-Jane Jones (5) 6
14 000- THUNDERING 120J (S) A Jones 7-9-7 Diana Jones 12

3-1 El Volador, 7-2 Awasome Power, 9-2 Hitle Of Hoy, 6-1 Green's Cassatt, 8-1 Tensyestelign, 10-1 others.

HANDICAP (£2,363: 1m 2f) (14)

Newbury

Going: good
2.00 (2m 160yd ch) 1, SABAKI RIVER (R
Guest, 7-4); 2, Beltsne The Smith (R
Greens, 18-1); 3, Doos It Matter (J
Oeborne, 11-10 fav), ALSO RAN: 11-2
L'Uomo Piu (4th), 33 Light General (5th),
66 Blue Eneign (6th), Polder (f), Thegocae
(pu) 3 ran. 10, 10i, 2j, disti, dist. Mm J
Retter at Exoter, Totes 12; 50; 51:30, K1:30,
51:20, DF: \$1:6.90, CSF: 224-70.

\$1.20. DF: \$16.90. CSF: \$24.70.
2.30. (3m 120)/d hdiej 1, CAPABILITY
2ROWN (M Ferrett, 13-2); 2. Seyyuw (M
Daves, 7-1); 3, Rouyan (M Morris, 8-1).
ALSO RAN: 5 tav Simpson (4th), Flyer's Nap
(pu), 10 Cassalc Statement, 12 Fighting
Words (5th), 18 Centic Sport, 20 Old
Dundelk, Esha Ness, 25 None So Wase
(pu), 33 Pontevenchio Notte, 14 ran, 10,
4, m., 201, 3. M Pipe at Welfington, Tota:
65.70; E2.30, E3.10, 5.270, DF: \$47.80.
CSF: ESD.70. Tricast: £347.87.
3.00. (2m 160) 46, bit 1, GUIBLIRN'S

CSF: £50.70. Triceast: £347.97.
3.00 (2m 160yd ch) 1. GUIBURN'S
NEPHEW (C Maude, 5-2 In-lav), 2.
Certain Style (J Oeborns, 5-2 In-lav), 3.
Fuego Boy (B de Haun, 25-1), ALSO RAN:
7-2 Duts De Vendome (6th), 11-2 Devil's
Valley (f), 14 Pentechnicon (4th), Mr Felix
(6th), 7 ran, Na. 44, 25, 30, dest. P Hobbs
at Minsheed. Tote: £2-90; £1.90, £1.50,
£1.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £8.61.
3.80 (3m ch) 1. TOMA TROUB ADOLLE (C.)

3.50 (3m ch) 1, TOM TROUBADOUR (D Murphy, 2-1 ter; Mandern's map); 2, Topsthem Bay (H Davies, 14-1); 3, Folk Dunes (A Chariten, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Pandennia, 15-2 Tom Bir, 9 Strong Gold (Sith), 10 Arctic Teal (ur), 12 Mighty Falcon, 14 Sunbeam Talbot (4th). 16

2.40 HARRIER CLAIMING STAKES

DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST UP TO 7F

2.10 BUZZARD MAIDEN STAKES

MANDARN

Twin Oaks to extend

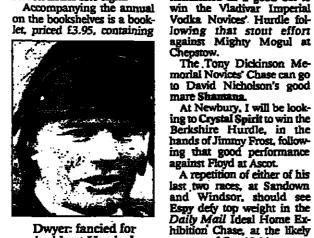
MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Welsh National rather than on his disappointing subsequent effort at Sandown. Willsford, whose last run was over hurdles at Chep-

stow, looked to have the corresponding race two years ago at his mercy before he overlumped and fell on landing over the last fence. In that sort of form he would be a thorn in the side of Twin

Yet again, the running of the Timeform Chase has been timed to coincide with the publication of their annual review of the most recent Flat racing season - Racehorses of 1991 (£68).

They have produced a mas-terpiece that makes compelling reading as another Flat season hones into sight. Accompanying the annual on the bookshelves is a book-



Dwyer: fancied for double at Haydock

HAYDOCK PARK

MANDARIN 1.30 Good Profile. 2.00 Uncle Ernie. 3.00 Rothko. 3.30 Sweet Duke. 4.30 Visaga.

THUNDERER-RICHARD EVANS 1.30 Good Profile. 4.00 Shamana. 2.00 Uncle Ernie. 2.30 Twin Oaks. 3.00 TREE POPPY (nap). 3.30 Sweet Duke. 4.00 Shamana.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 200 UNCLE ERNIE.

4.30 Visaga.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

follow during the coming season. Last year, their selections

showed a profit of £912 to a

As far as their race today is

concerned, Uncle Ermie app-

ears to have sufficient pounds

in hand judged on that fine effort behind Waterloo Boy at

Newbury three weeks ago.

even though today's distance

second leg of a double for

Mark Dwyer since he has an obvious chance of also win-

ning the Victor Ludorum

Hurdle on the unbeaten

Good Profile, who is not

Rothko, who was beaten about two lengths in fourth place behind Therford Forest

at Warwick ten days ago, is

taken to capture the Ladbroke Racing Handicap Hurdle, while Sweet Duke is

nominated as a good bet to

against Mighty Mogul at

rkshire Hurdle, in the

A repetition of either of his

expense of Our Nobby.

22,888: 7f) (5)
1 10-5 GO EXECUTIVE 7 (D,F,G) C Shittain 4-0-10
8 Doyle (5) 2
2 1122 SALLY'S SON 11 (SF,CD,F) W O'Gorson 6-0-13
3 300- LUCKY NOIRE 18J (F) G Harrison 4-6-3 R Hills 6
4 /G/ GORYTUS STAR 429 (5) D Hayda Jones 6-74
Stan Williams (7) 4

8 1-45 VUCHTERBACHER ST (8F,CD,F) P Tulk 67-7 T Wilson (7) 5

9-4 Lucky Noire, 11-4 Sally's Son, 7-2 Ge Executive, 5-1 Vuchterbacher, 10-1 Predictable, 12-1 Gorytus Star.

4.10 MERLIN HANDICAP (\$2,324: 61) (11)

6 -060 THE NOBLE DAK 17 (B.D.F,6) M McCom

7 -000 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 7 (S) M Channon 48-3 7 -UOU MISSIEMEAWDURS BIRL 7 (3) M CRISTION 4-9-9 B Doyle (5) 6 B C4-1 IN THE GAME 14 (CD) Miss A Whitfield 3-8-2 N Adams 4

9 0343 COUNT ME OUT 8 (B,BF,CD,F) J Peerse 7.8.2

11 3440 DO THE BUSINESS S C Alen 37-12. G Berdwell 11

3-1 Munitaring, 7-2 Rushanes, 4-1 Court Me Out, 9-2 In The Game, 8-1 Inewinger, 10-1 Courting Newmarket, 12-1 others.

4-1 trish Native, 9-2 Kirby Opportunity, 11-2 Foursingh, 7-1 Absolutely Right, 8-1 Munday Dean, Modesto, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W O'Gomen, 19 winners from 80 runners, 23.8%; C Cyzer, 10 from 49, 20.4%; D Arbutmot, 6 from 30, 20%; C Brittein, 7 from 39, 17.9%; M Bell, 3 from 18, 18.7%; D Heych Jones, 5 from 31, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 18 winners from 71 rides, 25.4%: M Hills, 13 from 82, 15.5%: F Norton, 7 from 45, 15.6%: J Williams, 33 from 220, 15%: D Biggs, 15 from 110, 13.5%; B Doyle, 9 from 66, 13.6%.

10 -400 INSWINGER 25 (CD) W Wightman 8-7-12

4.40 BARN OWL HANDICAP

(£2,553: 1m 4f) (14)

5 -660 PREDICTABLE 17 (CD.G) Mrs A Kright 6-7-6

3.40 SPARROWHAWK HANDICAP (52,888: 7f) (6)

Cheltenham-bound.

represents a new challenge. Uncle Ernie should be the

£10 level stake.

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1	1.30 VICTOR LUDORUM HURDLE (4-Y-O: £7,107: 2m) (6 runners)
1	1 11117 GOOD PROFILE 15 (D,G,S) (J Robson) G Moore 11-10
-1	2 3 COOLEY'S VALVE 21 (W Said) B Hiss 11-4
- 1	3 50 LATIN QUARTET 18 (V) (Mrs D O'Donoghus) L Codd 11-4 A Maguirs
- 1	4 201010 NORTHERN NATION 21 (D,G) (Ed Weetman Ltd) W City 11-4
-1	5 2011 SCENT OF BATTLE 17 (D.S) (W Cerpenter) M Heynes 11-4 J Railion 97
J	6 021323 SNOWY LANE 26 (D.BF,S) (M.S.N Pient Ltd) M Pipe 11-4 P Soutamore 98
1	BETTING: 1-2 Good Profile, 3-1 Cooley's Valve, 6-1 Scant Of Battle, 8-1 Snowy Lane, 16-1 Northern Nation, 55-11 after Contract

1991: REVE DE VALSE 11-4 G Moore (2-1) Denys Smith 8 ran **FORM FOCUS**

GOOD PROFILE easily beating Top Anna 4I in a 4-rutner novice hurdle at Edinburgh (2m, good). Prevously, best None So Brave 2 in the 18-rutner grade I Finale Junior Hurdle at Chepation (2m, good to soft) COOLEY'S VALVE 5kil 3rd of 12 to Staunch Foend to a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 100yd, good). NORTHERN NATION best Nously 10I in a 9-runner novice hardle at Southwell (AW, 2m, standard).

SCENT OF SATTLE best Run For Nick 3t in a 12-runner novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 110yd, soft) Previously, best Farsight 15f in an 8-runner novice hurdle, over seme course and distance (good to soft) SNOWY LANE 111 3rd of 12 to Fight To Win in a novice hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, good) Selection; GOOD PROFILE

2.00 TIMEFORM CHASE (28,169: 2m 4f) (5 runners) BETTING: 54 Uncle Errie, 2-1 Henry Mann, 4-1 Last 'O' The Sunch, 8-1 Poetic Gem, 12-1 Jestere Prospect. 1991: CARRICK HILL LAD 8-11-6 N Doughty (4-8 tov) G Richards 4 min

FORM FOCUS UNICLE ERBITE 4 2nd of 6 to Watertoo Boy in the grade it Game Spint Chase at Newbury (2m 160yd, good), Last season 12 2nd of 10 to Young Senz in the grade it Pentier Jouet Novices' Chase at Leverpool (2m, sott) in April, with LAST 'O' THE BUINCH (stime terrap) 3 3nd JESTERS PROSPECT beat interior Lib 6 in a 10-runner handicap chase at Carriant Lib 6 in a 10-runner handicap chase at Carriant Lib 6 in a 10-runner handicap chase at Carriant Lib 6 in a 10-runner handicap chase at Carriant Carriant Lib 6 in a 5-runner chat (2m, sott) on penutimete start LAST 'O' THE BUINCH 191 3nd of 8 to Lacider in a handicap chase seed Warvanck (2m 4t, good to soft) selection: UNICLE ERBITE

BBC1

2.30 GREENALLS GOLD CUP

(Handicap chase: £24,086: 3m 4f) (11 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Twin Cales, 6-1 Party Politics, 7-1 Willsford, 8-1 Cool Ground, Seegram, 10-1 Kildimo, On The Twist, 12-1 David's Duky, 14-1 Solidasarock, 16-1 others. 1997: TWIN QAKS 11-11-0 N Doughty (7-4 fav) G Richards 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

TWIN OAKS best Gold Options 5i in itse 8-runner grade ii Peter Marsh Handicap Chase, over course and distance (good). Previously, best Toursen Prince 20i in a 9-runner handicap chase, over course and distance (good), with KILDIMO (4to better off) notic 3rd. COLL GROUND best Just 5o 7i in a 9-runner handicap chase at Chepsiow (5m 6t, soft) on penytimatic start. Previously, 1½1 2nd of 8 to Woodgate in Warwick (3m 6t, good) handicap chase at Chepsiow (5m 6t, soft) on penytimatic start. Previously, 1½2 and of 8 to Woodgate in Warwick (3m 6t, good) handicap chase at Chepsiow (2m 15t) of 15t of 15t of Oneupranship in a 6-runner handicap chase at Sandiang Royal in a 6-runner handicap chase at Newcastis (4m 11, good), with COOL GROUND (7b better off) 36/si 7th.

3.00 LADBROKE RACING HANDICAP HURDLE (£10,893: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

Long handicap: James My Boy 9-12, Flakey Dove 9-8, Culleann 9-1. BETTING: 5-1 Vayrus, 11-2 Tree Poppy, 6-1 Rothico, 7-1 Dara Doone, 8-1 Sweet City, Young Hustler, 10-1 Vatient Dash, Tamerpour, 12-1 Sit Degrees, Flakey Dove, 14-1 others.

1991: RE-RELEASE 6-11-8 D Richmond (6-4 tav) M Pipe 8 ran

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF.F.G.S) (Mire D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... distance without BF - beaten favourite in letest race). Going on which hone has son (F - firm, good to firm, hard G - good 5 - sott, good to sott, heavy). Owner in brackets framer. Age and weight Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Hendicapper's rating. Received number. Six-figure form (F - left. P - pulled up. U - unsested note: B - brought down S - alipped up R - refused D - diaqualified) Horse's name. Dayle since last outing. F if flat (B - binkers. V - visc. H - hood. E - Eyesheld C - course winner. D - distance witner. CD - course and

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3.30 VLADIYAR IMPERIAL VODKA NOVICES HURDLE (£3,496; 2m 4f) (13 runners)

•	112	BOLLIN PATRICK 63 (C.D.F.S) (Se N Westbrook) M H Esstarby 7-120	93
,	371.9381	MELIGONI BEACH 21 (Q.S) (J Enns) M Pipe 7-120. D Richmong (7)	67
7	135.6	ARTHUR'S MINSTREL 42 (F) (8 Hethaway) W A Staphesson 5-11-10 C Grant	75
ĭ	4.494	MR OPTIMISTIC 47 (C) (Chien Racing) J J O Neil 5-11-10 R Dunwoody	76
-	1-191D3	SWEET DUKE 14 (Q.S) (A Mayrou) N Tension Davies 5 11-10 P Scudemore	99
-	2-13102	EYE EYE 11 (G Hubbard) F sturphy 7 11 8	_
7		FIRST LESSON 17 (Stemless Threaded Fasteners) P Hobbs 6116 C Maude	67
ė	~~	GALLANTRY BANK 384 (B Scowcroft) D McCast 7-11-6 Mr D McCast (7)	_
9	nan	KELPIE THE CELT 25 (Mas C Bradtheaste) W A Stephenson 5 1: 6 A Merrigan	
10		KING TASMAN 61 (Mass J Brook) D Barons 5-17-6 N Hawke	_
11		NOW YOUR TALKIN B4 (EF) IJ Wright) Miss H Knight 6-1: 4 B Dowling	61
	5494870	OLD DEER PARK 334 (D Earons) D Basons 6-11-6 R Greene (5)	_
13		LINION CASTLE 43 (Mrs F States) J Edwards 6116	_
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BETTING, 9-4 Sweet Duke, 11-4 Bolin Patrick, 7-2 Magern Beach, 8-1 Arthur a Minatrel 12-1 by Optimiti 18-1 Union Castle, First Leason, 20-1 others 1991: NEW DUDS 7-12-0 P Scudemore (Evens fex.) M Pipe 14 ran

4.00 TONY DICKINSON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£3,460: 2m) (6 runners) 1 0-01UP4 CIRCULATION 18 (CD.GI I.) Singleton) D McCam 6-11-11. G McCount 69 2 0-12142 CYPHRATE 8 (D.BF.G.S) (Alas Smith 8 Jones Ltd) M Pape 8-11-11 P Scudemore 89 3 32F1 GREY MINSTREL 15 (D.G) (J Mageley) Debys Smith 8-11-11. G Grant 80 4 2/P1110 REAL CLASS 58 (C.BF.F.G.S) (J Moreton) G Richards 9-11-11 N Doughts 98 5 P/054 MR-Paw 5 (G Hubbert) F (Aughly 8-11-1) A Maguers 67 6 24-1112 SHAMANA 22 (D.G) (Lord Vermampton) D Nichbisson 6-11-6 R Durmvoody 9-99

Shamana, 9-4 Cyphrate 3-1 Real Class, 12-1 Grey Ministrel, 14-1 Circulation, 16-1 Mr-Paik 1991: LAST 'O' THE BLINCH 7-11-11 N Doughty, (5-5 fav) G Richards 3 ran

4.30 LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

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D-1	BRAVE BUCCANEER 54 (D Book) D Mountay Smith 5-12 S	. J McCabe (7)	
	NIGHT OF MADNESS 35 (F) , J Hanson) J Hanson 5-12-3	A Dooben (7)	_
1	VISAGA 45 (F) (L Heliste: 25) D Nicholson 6-12-2	Mr (3 Morrow (7)	
	ALBURY COURT 468 (Ath.:., Recing Ltd) R Curtis 6-11-13	G Crore (7)	_
	FLINTERS (Helewood Ventuers Ltd) D McCaun 5-11-16	Mr D McCain (7)	
	KELLY MENDOZA (Mrs.: Glaser) D Nicholson 6 17-13	Mr T Janks (7)	_
2		A Shelton (7)	_
	MARTELL SPIRIT (D Basers) D Barona 5-11 10		_
	MORKARTY (Mrs K Osterian in Price 5-11-10	Mr R Davis (7)	_
	PEN RYMER (Mrs 5 Adducer: K Bridginster 6-11-10	. A Mingure	
	RELTIC (Mrs A Broad) C 9-cad 5-11-10	. T Fulfer (7)	_
	SIR HARRY RINUS (A P ass) G Richarda 6-11-10	N Leach (7)	_
		C Huggen (7)	
0	FOR TWO PINS 94 IP Brazzey: W Clay 5-11 5	J Dracott (7)	_
	ALDINGTON MILLPOND (Wheatley) C Thefine 4 11 2	P W Davies (7)	
0	BROWNHALL 43 (F Jorgen F Jorgen 4-11-2	T Promerce (7)	
	GLEMOT (J Hanson) J Harson 4-11-2	Mr R Ford	_
	TREMENDOUS (Fiveway Recing) J Norton 4-11.2	. W Fry (7)	
	UNCLES-LAD (Mrs V Hacom) R Armytage 4-11 2	R Hodge (5)	_
		6 - 6 · · · · · · ·	- - -

BETTING: 94 Visage, 7-2 Marteli 601, 91 Erave Buccaneer, 6-1 Night, C1 Madness, 6-1 Sa Harry Rurus, 10-1 Marcell Spirit, 12-1 Pen Rymer, 14-1 Kelly Mendoze, 16-1 others

•	1991: M	UGONI 95	EACH 6-11-	3 M Foster (3 1: N	Pipe 15 tatr				
COURSE SPECIALISTS									
TRAINERS M Pipe C Brooks G Richards D Nichards J J O'Neili G Balding	Winners 46 8 23 5 9	119 39 35 36 34 18	38 7 26 7 25 0 19 2 16 7 16 7	JOCKEYS P Scudamore N Dought, G McCourt M Dwyer A Merrigan R Dunwood)	Warters 39 19 16 16 3 6	Ruses 99 61 82 97 22 47	Fer cent 39 4 31 1 19 5 16 5 13 6 12 8		

Camera patrols out to tender

A NEW company may take over the | services - losing its contract to supply operation of racecourse camera pa- | pictures to Satellite Information trols. It was confirmed yesterday that the Racecourse Association will corf-duct a tendering process to find the most cost-effective method of providing integrity services.

The moves are being made as part

of a package of measures to improve the efficiency of technical services at racecourses.

The review has been prompted by

Services

The future of RTS is now in doubt, but it will submit a tender and, for the time being, continue to supply the camera service. One of the possible companies in

line to take over is Chrysalis which has the SIS contract from May 1. Racecourses themselves will be required to pay for the services of Racecourse Technical Services — the commentators when RTS ceases to present suppliers of the integrity carry out that function from May 1.

Doumen not taking any risks

Gold Cup second favourite The Fellow is keeping the gelding's travelling arrangements strictly under Last year we gave him a prep race wraps (Our French Racing Corres-

pondent writes).

Doumen said yesterday: "I was quite happy to reveal that type of information when my horses were 50-1 but at 7-2 for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, I just don't want to take any risks."

FRANCOIS Doumen, who trains the | less than a fortnight away from the over hurdles, but I am quite relaxed about his not having run since the

King George this time."
Although Marmatanax's Cheltenham ambitions have been aban-doned. Dournen will be two-handed at Cheltenham, with The Fellow isks."

joined by Ubu III, who runs in the
Regarding The Fellow's well-being,
Stayers' Hurdle.

MANDARIN THUNDERER

(£2,553: 1m 4f) (14)

1 548- JULEARA 142 (D.F.) J Peerce 5-10-0 ... W Newmes 3
2 510- MINDAY DEAN 47J (D.G.) D Arbuthnot 4-9-2 M Hills 6
3 2114 MODESTO 7 (C.G.S.) K Curringhar-Brown 4-9-0 S Whitworth 13
4 05-3 IRISH NATIVE 17 (B.F.) C Smith 4-8-13... A Proud 9
5 1529 EL DOMBRIO 21 (BF.C.G.S.) K Curringhar-Brown 4-9-10
8 1213 KIRBY OPPORTURITY 15 (CD.G.) J Peerce 4-8-10
7 00-0 CARDUSELLA 15 (F) C British 4-8-6. B Doyle (S) 11
8 000- CASPAN SELUGA 18J Mrs A Kright 4-8-6
9 0532 FOURSINGH 11 (B.F.) C Booth 4-8-4. A Cuthane 2
10 23-5 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 14 R Abshrost 4-9-3
11 333- WINDSOR PARK 18J (CD.G.) K Bridgester 5-7-13
12 22-0 BROUGHTON BLUES 11 (E.C.S.) W Museon 47-11
13 0-00 SEARCHING STAR 31 P Kelbergy 4-7-8 G Berthnil 5 1.15 Change The Act.
1.45 Crystal Spirit.
2.15 Espy.
2.45 Barge Boy.
3.15 Danny Harrold.
3.45 Beebob.

NEWBURY RICHARD EVANS 1.15 Change The Act. 1.45 Crystal Spirit. 2.15 Our Nobby. 4.15 VILLA RECOS 2.15 Laundryman. 2.45 Peace Kibs. (nap). 3.15 Danny Harrold. 3.45 Beebob.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT BACK STRAIGHT HURDLES COURSE)

1.15 JACK O'NEWBURY NOVICES CHASE (£3,704: 2m 4f) (6 runners) BETTING: 11-8 Was Wrapped, 2-1 Change The Act, 6-1 Cusyage, 7-1 Richwile, 16-1 Brandon Pier, 20-1 L Foreign.

1991: ESHA NESS 8-11-4 M Pitman (7-2 pt-fev) Mrs J Pitman 7 ran

1.45 BERKSHIRE HURDLE (Grade II: £7,792: 2m 4f 120yd) (8 runners) BBC1

1991: MORLEY STREET 7-11-12 J Front (8-11 fav) G Balding 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRYSTAL SPIRIT neck 2nd of 4 to Floyd in a hurdle at Ascot (3m, good to firm), with SUPER SENSE (3b worse off) 12 3rd, Beat Menoreties Girl 41 in the 2h-runner grade i 3u Alisance Nowces' Hurdle at Chaltentean (2m 41, good to soft), in March with SUPER SENSE (7b better off) 2 3rd and BURGOYNE pasted up, DON VALENTINO beat Ruling 11 in the 10-runner grade i Regency Hurdle at Warwick (2m 51, with BATTALION pulled up before 4 out, MARTO-MICK 25th 5th of 8 to Royal Gast in a handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good) BUR-

2.15 DAILY MAIL IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION HANDICAP CHASE BBC1 (£8,448: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

Long handicap: Kittinger 9-13.

BETTING: 11-4 Our Nobby, 3-1 Laundryman, 7-2 Espy, 9-2 Good Tenuc, 7-1 Toursen Prince, 10-1 Golden Fraeze, 25-1 Kittinger.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ESPY 1½ 2nd of 4 to Toby Tobias in a chase at Window (3m, good). Previously, best Dalkey Sound vill in a S-runner grade il handrosp chase at Sendown (3m 119xd, good to firm).

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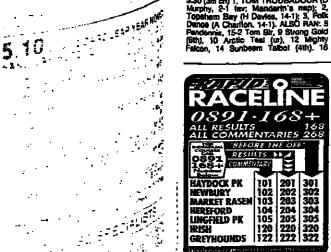
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The long walk: Amati after her early spin

Mansell leaves all in his wake

IN JOHANNESBURG

NIGEL Mansell is the fastest driver around the Kyalami track again. In yesterday af-ternoon's first official practice session for the South African grand prix, which takes place here on Sunday, the Englishman repeated Thursday's dose and finished more than a second ahead of the McLarens of Gerhard Berger, of Austria, and Ayrton Senna, of Brazil. Riccardo Patrese, Mansell's Williams colleague from Italy, who spun early in the sion, was fourth.

Mansell has thus confirmed that he has found the right mix of aggression and guile to cope with the difficult conditions on this new circuit, which caused a number of other drivers to spin into the sand traps. One of them was Giovanna Amati, Brabham's Italian newcomer, who had a tough time and ended up thirtieth and last, almost three seconds behind Andrea Chiesa, another Formula One novice, in the

Mansell did six laps of the circuit and all of his rivals

needed more, in a vain at tyres that have less grip. "I tempt to beat his time. The two McLarens did ten laps each, Patrese 14, and others like Thierry Boutsen, of Belgium, and Johnny Herbert. of England, took 15.

The reason for this is that there is only one tyre manufacturer involved. Goodyear, and thus no need for qualifying compounds. Everybody has two sets of normal racing tyres and can do as many laps as they wish, as this kind of rubber is designed for a full

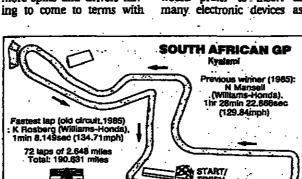
The result is more cars on the track at any one time, more spins and drivers havwas lucky to get two clear laps," Mansell said. "The track is 'rubbering-in', getting grippier, but the real problem is the amount of cars on the track. It's a whole new

us to do," Mansell said.

way of setting fast lap times."

He also admitted that the car was harder to set up because of its reactive suspension. "We just tell the guys what we feel and they programme it: It seems to be working, but there is less for

Drivers, of course, want to control their cars as much as possible. The teams, however, would prefer to insert as many electronic devices as



possible to allow the drivers to concentrate on driving.

All this wizardry must seem a world away to Amati and her team, struggling against the odds to qualify both cars for tomorrow's race. She had a day full of spins and exaggerated media attention. The Brabham garage was swamped and the team seemed under pressure.

In the morning, near the end of the free practice session after Amati had already spun off the track, her team had a terrible five minutes. First, Amati was made to sit in the car, then get out as the seat was lifted to allow the mechanics to work on the vehicle. Then, there were problems refitting the seat. Amati got back into the car, but then the engine would not start, there was a small fuel fire and the steering wheel would not go back on.

Through all this, she sat in the car, her shoulders rising and falling faster than they should. She is in a no-win situation. Though her F3000 form suggests she should have the measure of some of the other newcomers, yesterday she struggled with everything. "I even find it hard to know which gear I am in I

six gears: the point is that they are back-to-front com-

pared to a five-speed box." Amati said. But these problems are encountered by all newcomers and all of them did better than she. Today is her big day: four drivers will not make the grid. It might even

be best for her if she is elimi-

nated. Then, she could relax

and take a more even-handed

shot at it next time. FIRST OFFICIAL PRACTICE TIMES: 1. N. Mundel (GB), Williams-Renault, /min 15.578eec (126moh); 2. G. Berger (Ger), McLaren-Honde, 1:16.572, 3, A. Senne (Br), McLaren-Honde, 1:16.815; 4, P. Patrese (II), Williams-Renault, 11.17.571; 5, M.

CRICKET

Opener **Kapil**

Mackay, Queensland: The Indians moved Kapil Dev up the order to open the batting against Sri Lanka yesterday, but play lasted only two balls: so, his ability as an opener will have to be tested in a future match.

The game started nearly five hours late. Kris Srikkanth, Kapil's partner, blocked the first ball, scored one off the second, the skies opened again and the um-

pires took the players off. The teams get a point each. India, who lost their first match to England, meet Australia, who lost both opening matches, in Brisbane tomorrow. Sri Lanka go to Wellington and a match against Africa Monday. Agencies

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ROWING

1st and 3rd lose narrow contest

By Our Sports Staff

THE top seven men's crews rowed over on the third day of the Cambridge University lent races yesterday, although 1st and 3rd Trinity nearly toppled Lady Marga-ret. They overlapped on Grassy Corners, closed to within two feet at Ditton Corner and were still only half-a-length adrift at the Pike and Eel.

Fitzwilliam fell back to the bottom of the first division as another member of their

crew went down with illness.
In the women's division, the top five crews rowed over. The head crew, Lady Margaret, never looked in danger from Emmanuel, and Newn ham looked set to finish the bumps in third place.

There was no change at the top of the men's and women's first divisions of Oxford University torpids yesterday. In the men's race, Oriel only just held off Brasenose and, at the finishing post, a canvas separated the crews. Brasenose, one-and-a-half

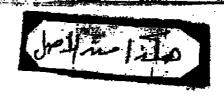
lengths down at the Boat

House were the stronger

crew-over the last quarter

and an exciting finale is in prospect today. Somerville's win at the top of the women's division was emphatic. They pulled away from New College and opened up a two-lengths lead at the Boat House and maintained the margin.

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Ceasefire's end forces Dubrovnik to cry off

FOOTBALL

THE first football championship in the newly-independent state of Croatia, which starts tomorrow, has already fallen victim to the civil war in the region. One game has been postponed because of artillery attacks on the Adriatic port of Dubrovnik.

There have been previous attempts to resume competitive football in Croatia, but they were halted by fighting between Croatian forces and Serb guerrillas backed by the Yugoslav Army. Despite a ceasefire declared last month, artillery fire around Dubrov-nik on Thursday forced the postponement of a first division match between Dubrov-

nik and Zadar.

Twelve teams will play in the first division of the new league, with another 24 teams competing in lower di-visions. Hask-Gradjanski (formerly Dynamo Zagreb) and Hajduk Split are the best-known clubs involved. while Rijeka and Osijek also played in the Yugoslav first division last season.

All the other first division teams — Cibalia (formerly Dynamo Vinkovci), Zagreb, Istra Pula, Sibenik, Varteks Varazdin, Inker Zapresic, Dubrovník (formerly Gosk-Jug) and Zadar — were in the lower echelons of the Yugoslav League.

Another indication of the potential weakness of the new competition is the absence of the best Croatian players. Zvonimir Boban and Robert Jami are at Bari, Alen Boksic is with Marseilles, Zlatko Vujovic and Aljosa Asanovic play for Cannes, Tomislav Ivkovic for Sporting Lisbon and Davor Suker for Sevilla

They have all said they will play for the Croatian national team, as has the brightest talent of all, the former Yugoslav player, Robert Prosinecki, who was the inspiration behind the Red Star Belgrade team that won the who is now with Real Madrid. Prosinecki, who is half-Serb, half-Croat, has refused to play for the Yugoslav national team that opens its programme in the European championship finals with a

game against England in Sweden in three-and-a-half months' time.

The draw for the qualifica tion groups for the 1994 World Cup finals was made in December, but though they were overlooked then, both Croatia and its newly independent neighbour, Slovenia, are still hoping Fifa, football's world governing body, will find places for

Andreas Möller, one of Germany's most talented players and potentially one of the pivotal figures in the European championship in Sweden in the summer, has been dropped from the squad selected to play Italy in Turin next month.

A contract dispute between Möller's German club, Eintracht Frankfurt, and the Italian club, Atalanta, which is claiming it has the rights to the player's services next season, has prompted Bertie Vogts, the German national side's coach, to withdraw Möller from his party.

Vogts said yesterday that Möller's contract problems would make it difficult for him to concentrate on the game, a crucial one, according to the coach, in the German team's build-up to the championships. It will not, however, harm his chances of playing in Sweden.

The two clubs, meanwhile, have been unable to agree on which should include Möller next season and Fifa is scheduled to announce its arbitration decision on March 13.

Genoa, Liverpool's next opponents in the Uefa Cup were knocked out of the Italian Cup on Thursday after falling to a surprise home defeat by Parma. Trailing 2-0 from the first leg of their quarter-final tie, Genoa took an early lead through Aguilera only for Signorini, with an own goal, to hand Parma an equaliser five min-utes later. Melli added a second for Parma in the second half, and they now meet Sampdoria in the semi-finals. AC Milan and Juventus will provide a clash of Italy's footballing giants in the other semi-final.



Bench-marie Volker Fried, the German hockey captam, nurses the Champions Trophy, flanked by team-mates in Karachi yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). The Germans set themselves as the world's best team yesterday, after defeating

their title. They have now won it five times to equal Australia's record. Three goals by Andreas Becker, in the last eight minutes of the first half, destroyed Australia, who spurned a few chances early in the match, before the Germans had

deprived of a goal by the new German goalkeeper, Steinwachs, Australia forced four abortive short corners in the second half and other attempts to score were beaten back by a tight German defence. A minute before the end, Becker

Pakistan, who had won the silver medal previously, secured the bronze yesterday, beating the Netherlands, 2-1. Khalid Bashir, from a short corner, and Moham-med Shahbaz scored for Pakistan. Weterings replied for the Nether-

Kerly opens account as match closes

PROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN KARACHI

GREAT Britain finished fifth in the fourteenth Champions Trophy tournament here yes-terday, after defeating France more comfortably than at one time seemed likely.

France committed the tactical blunder of taking to de-

DOMINIC Sweeney, one of nine riders on Britain's Olym-

pic team time-trial shortlist, has had to pull out of the

squad's racing get-together this weekend after breaking

his collarbone in training on

The Wigston Magna rider

also had his early-season

competition interrupted last

year when he was injured

Thursday night (Peter Bryan

fence, but Britain made heavy weather of their game with several of their regular players being rested. There was an early scare for

Britain when the French outside left, Schindler, broke free and forced a short corner, but Luckes proved equal to the task by saving from Feix. Feix conceded a penalty

stroke in the 45th minute, but Nicklin's effort struck a post. Britain continued to squander chances until the 57th

CYCLING

Sweeney injured in training

His place in today's Nova

CC two-up 25-mile trial will

be taken by Richard Hughes,

a member of the winning

Manchester Wheelers team

this week's North Road hard

riders 25, teams up with Mat-

thew Illingworth, who was

in the 1991 national 100km his own personal preparation for the individual Olympic pursuit," Doug Dailey, the national coach, said. Tomor-

in a collision with a car.

minute, when the French resistance was finally broken. Kerly sent Clift on his way to score into an empty goal.

The lead was increased from Britain's fifth of six short corners, though not di-rectly. Kerly laid off to Grimley, who pushed the ball forward for Nicklin to score in the 63rd minute. The players had hardly lined up for the game to be restarted when Grimley collapsed with a back injury and went off.

third in the event. The three-

times time-trial champion,

Chris Boardman, is also rid-

ing, although he is not in the

row, Dailey joins his squad

for the Eddie Soens 50 miles

handicap race at Aintree.

"Chris competes as part of

With three minutes remaining, Williams, on as a substitute, set up a chance for Kerly to score his only goal of the tournament in six matches. Four years ago, he was top scorer with eight in Britain's Olympic triumph.

Norman Hughes, the British coach, was forthright in his summing up: "We are satisfied but not particularly ecstatic about the result. The French tried to crowd us out

task. Our finish is still very poor. We learnt here that we are good enough to win medals in Barcelona provided we attend to certain areas of our

GREAT BRITAIN. D Luckes. Some Singh, P Bolland, R Garcia, J Luckett, M Grankey (subt) Potter), C Mayer (subt.) D Williams), S Karly, R Thompson (subt.) S Nacklain, R CAR (capit.), J Lee FRANCE: P Flown P Fest. D Louison (subt.) SSagura;), O Carnus (subt.) C Lukia), X Petr., D Callier (capit.), At Portheur 'G Clement. O Montaine, O Petr. 6 Schindler (subt.), L G van Montaine.) O Petr. 6 Schindler (subt.), L G van Montaine.

SQUASH

Marshall plays double trumps

FROM COLIN MeQUILLAN IN MADRID

PETER Marshall's doubledhanded victory over Chris Robertson, the world No. 5, was a special bonus for the British team at the Spanish open championship, where Chris Walker and Mark Maclean are to meet each

other in quarter-finals. Marshall, aged 20 and Britsih champion, is the first player to carry a totally dou-ble-handed action into the elite levels of the professional game. He lost last week to the Australian in the Welsh Classic quarter-final and plainly viewed this as almost a continuation of the same

encounter. "I lost a lot of points last week cross-courting from the front corners," Marshall said. "This time I lobbed him or played straight." The change of tactic brought him a 15-13, 15-17, 15-4, 15-3 victory in 76 minutes. "It was the best I have ever played and really I should have won in

three games." But the true significance of the result lay in Marshall's shrewd exploitation of earlier experience, his unexpected

variations from the disciplined straight ball game that has carried him thus far, and his relentless increase of ternpo when sensing that Robert-son was weakening at the start of the third game.

Maclean was the beneficiary of Jahangir Khan's fifth unscheduled withdrawal in the past eight major events. But Walker's quarter-final place was earned with a skilful 48-minute 15-10, 15-6, 15-13 win over Sami Elopuro, of Finland, the world No. 7.

Spain have been awarded the 1994 men's world championships, which will be staged in Barcelona. Roger Eady, the chief executive of the International Squash Players Association, described Spain's presentation of their case as "impressive indeed".

RESULTS: Second round: M Maclean (Sod) bit H Weens (Gerl, 15-7, 15-6, 15-11; C Welter (Eng) bit S Elopuro (Firs), 15-10, 15-8, 15-13; C Detmar (Aus) bit S Parke (Eng), 15-12, 17-15, 15-11, P Marshas (Eng) bit Robertson (Aus), 15-13, 15-17, 15-4, 15-3 R Eyeles (Aus) bit R Norman (NZ), 11-15, 15-14, 15-8, 15-11, R Marsh (Aus) bit T Nencarrow (Aus), 15-10, 15-4, 15-1, B Marsh (Aus), 14-16 (Aus), 15-10, 15-4, 15-1, B Marsh (Aus) bit T Nel (Aus), 15-10, 15-4, 15-1, B Marsh (Aus) bit Nel (Aus), 15-10, 15-4, 15-1, B Marsh (Aus), 15-10, 15-1, 15-1, 15-1, IS-1, IS-1,

SWIMMING

Britons go flat out for places in finals

FROM CRAIG LORD IN PALMA

MIKE Fibbens and Joanne Deakins gave Britain a tremendous start to the first World Cup super final here last night with the fastest qualifying times - just short of national records - for their respective finals.

While finishing fourth in the 100 metres backstroke heat, Martin Harris also came close to his best, in 55.40sec, just 0.05sec slower than the record he set at the World Cup in December.

Unlike Austyn Shortman, of Bristol Central, who wasted his chance of qualifying for the final of the 100 metres freestyle by executing an inexplicably sloppy start and first 25 metres. Fibbens, of the Barnet Copthall club. left nothing to chance.

The Commonwealth record-holder enters today's final half a second ahead of Alexandr Popov, the Musco-vite tipped for Olympic gold after showing just why he became World Cup series sprint champion in Paris a month ago. His time last night was 49.42sec.

Deakins, who has taken a year off from her A level studies to concentrate on the Olympics, was 0.30sec ourside her national standard over 200 metres backstroke. The favourite for today's final, she will be joined by her team-mates. Kathy Read and Sharon Page. Sharron Davies had to swim hard to qualify in seventh place for the final of the 200 metres

IN BRIEF

Dispute leads to Bonaly's coach quitting

The European figure skating champion, Surya Bonaly, of France, was left without a trainer yesterday when Didier Gailhaguer resigned over a dispute with her parents. "We are now looking for a new coach for Surya." a French Ice Sports Federation

A long-standing dispute between Gailhaguet and Bon aly's mother, Suzanne, flared again last week in Albertville when Gailhaguet told Suzanne she could not watch her daughter from the side of the ice rink.

Prean goes close

Table tennis: The England No. 1, Carl Prean, gave Jorg Rosskopf, the world No. 9, from Germany, a torrid test on the opening day of the European Top 12 tourna-ment in Vienna, losing 21-18, 14-21, 21-9, 24-22.

Wiberg triumphs Alpine skiing: Pernilla Wiberg, of Sweden, the giant slalom gold medal winner at the Olympic Games, won the World Cup event in Narvik, Norway. The Swede was a fifth of a second ahead of Anita Wachter, of Austria.

McEnroe through Tennis: John McEnroe came from a set down to beat Alex Antonitsch 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 and reach the semi-finals of the ATP men's world indoor tournament in Rotterdam

vesterday.

BOXING Steward should sound bell on Andries's career

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IN BEAUSOLEIL FRANCE IF DENNIS Andries listens to the advice of his friend and mentor, Emanuel Steward, the director of the Kronk Gym in Detroit, he will finally admit that, at the age of

40, it is time to retire. Before his bout with Akim Tafer, of France, for the European cruiserweight title here on Wednesday, Andries said he would retire when Steward thought he should give up boxing. "When Manny says I've got to stop. I'll stop." Andries said. "If there's something he can see

that I can't see, I've got to weeks to talk things over, and watch out." After Andries's compre-Andre Vanco, Steward said: "I saw old age in the ring tonight. It's time for him to

some rounds away to a young man like that. "I didn't like it when he missed. His balance was bad at the tail end and that's what bothers me a lot. I would sincerely like to find another outlet for him. I would like to see him in the game in some other capacity:

to help British boxing."

Andries and Steward will

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sit down in the next few

there is little doubt that Steward will spell it out to hensive defeat at the Stade Andries. Steward said: "We Andre Vanco, Steward said: are going to discuss this after Dennis has spent a few weeks with his family." stop. You can't give six and

Andries said he would listen to Steward and then make up his mind. "Manny's been a friend and father to me and I'll consider it and do what I want to do."

No matter how closely Andries looks at his options, there is no way out except to retire. Having moved up from light-heavy to cruiserweight, Andries now finds he is too small and slow for the voung men in the division.

ATHLETICS

GENOA: European indoor champion-ships: Women: Long jump finat: 1, L Benazhneye (CS), 7,00m; 2, M &cu (Rom), 6,74; 3, L Mnova (Austria), 8,60, Pentatri-ion (after first day): British: 9, C Court.

BASKETBALL

FOOTBALL

SECHOOLS MATCHES: English Knowles Curx Norfolk 1, Cambridgeshire 3, Baroleys Under-19 Cupx Second round: Xavarian College, Manchester 4, ust Wales Institute, Decade 1.

Tafer was not only 16 years younger than Andries but, at 6ft 2 2 in, he was three-and-ahalf inches taller. He gave Andries the most painful boxing lesson of his life. Whereas Tafer, using the full width of the 24ft ring, put together stinging angled combinations and upper-cuts. Andries could not even

lace two punches together. On my card, Andries was beaten out of sight, managing only to share four rounds. The judges scored it 7-4, 5-4 and 4-4. It is the absurdity of such scoring that could induce Andries to carry on were he inclined to disagree with Steward.

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Tafer: gave lesson

FOR THE RECORD

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FREESTYLE SKIING

LEAMINGTON: University match: Ox-tord lend Cambridge 2-0 (Oxford names first): Doubles: D Read and R Montgomen bit J Ros and G Taylor, 6-0 8-1, 8-0; R Kızmarıc and D Finegold bit T Barkar and A Mellor, 8-1, 8-5, 6-1 GOLF

pts. IRVINE, California: Junior lightweight contest: Jorge Rockquez (US) ko Danny Lopez (US), 10th.

REAL TENNIS

PACIFIC PALISADES, Calif: Los Angeles open; Leading first-round scores (US unites stated), 64; W Lev. 65; K Clearwater, B Gardner, D Tewell, K Carnsvale, C Tucker, 66; T Steckmann, 57; J Haas, T Simpson, J Cook, D Lovis, R Mediate, S Pate, A Lyle (GB), T Weiskopf, J Manaffey, Mediate, S Pate, A Lyfe (GB), T Weiskopf, J Maharifey,
SYDNEY: Mew South Wales Open: Leading second-round scores (Ausuniese stated): 137: T Price, 67, 70, 138: C Parry, 68, 73, 140: K Trimble, 69, 71, 141: G Walte (NZ), 69, 72, 142: C Gray, 69, 73: C Patton (US), 72, 70; J Kennady, 73, 69: L Prinker (US), 73, 69: L Wastle, 73, 68: M Lane (NZ), 74, 68: 143: J Evans, 72, 71; R Allanby, 69, 75: P Mokmey, 72, 71, 144: L Brown (US), 73, 71; M Long (NZ), 72, 72, N Ratichile, 71, 73: S Thompson (NZ), 76, 69: C Mann, 70, 74: P O'Malley, 70, 74: D Delong (US), 72, 72.
SINGAPORE OPEN: Leading accondPREESTYLE SKIING

INAWASHIRO, Japan: World Cup:
Men's ballet final: 1, F Becter (Fr),
28.40pts, 2. R Kristiangen (Nov), 28.35, 3,
4 Waiss (Gor), 26 55 Leading World Cup
positions: 1, R Kristiangen (Nov), 27, 147 pts,
2. L Spine (US), 144, 3, F Bectar (Fr), 143,
Women's ballet final: 1, C Kashing
(Switz), 26 80pts, 2, E Breen (US), 26.20,
3. J Snel (GS), 24.55, Other GB: 9, J
Curry, 19 36 Leading World Cup positions: 1, C Kisshing (Switz), 72, 2, 5
Potzold (US), 68, 3, C Fechaz (Fr), 54
Leading Briton: 6, Snell, 49.

MARVIK, Norwey: World Cup women's glant statem race: 1, P Wiberg (Swe), 1min 54 55sec; 2, A Wachter (Austrie), 154.75; 3, B Fernandez: Ochoa (Sp.), 155.25; 4, C Merle (Fr), 1:55.45; 5, D Roffe (US), 1:55.59; 5, S Eder (Austria), 1:55.92; 7, K Secinger (Sec), 1:56.42; 8, C Gugnard (Fr), 1:56.42; 9, I Salvenmoser (Austrie), 1:56.90; Lacking overall World Cup positions: 1, P Kramberger (Austria), 635pis. 2, C Martie (Fr), 764; 3, V Schneider (Switz), 751, 4, S Gantner (Austria), 748

SKIING

ICE HOCKEY MATKONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruns 4, Toronto Mapie Leats 2; Harttord Whalers 8, Pritsburgh Penguins 4; Chica-ge Blackhawks 4, Detroit Red Wings 2; St. Louis Blues 7, Washington Capitats 3; Philadelphia Flyers 3, Calgary Flames 0; Los Angeles Kings 4, Quebec Nordiques 2.

TENNIS CROYDON: LTA men's indoor assettite tournament: Singles quarter-finals: J Sabeta (Surrey) to A Richardson (Lincs), 6-2, 57-6.0 B Joelson (US) bit D Sapsford (Surrey), 7-6, 1-8, 6-4; M Andright (it) bit M Barnard (SA), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. C Wikinson (Hente) bit R Koering (SA) 6-37-5. ROTTERDAM: Men's bournament: Second round: J Siemerink (Neth) bit S Edberg (Swe), 7-6, 6-2. P Metanos (US) bit B Wuyts (Bei), 7-5, 2-0 ret P Haartus (Neth) bit G Pripic (Creatis), 7-6, 6-2, J McEnroe (US) bit A Antonitish (Austria), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tournament: Second round: 6 Sanchez (Sp) bit T Champson (Fr), 6-2, 6-0: A Mancim (Arg) bit G Markus (Arg), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Yzage (Pen), 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Yzage (Pen), 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Yzage (Pen), 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Yzage (Pen), 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Yzage (Pen), 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Yzage (Pen), 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Yzage (Pen), 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Yzage (Pen), 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Yzage (Pen), 6-4, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit J Provis (Aus), 6-2, 6-2, M Washington (US) bit A Costaer (US), 6-2, 6-2, N I succisi (Fr) bit A Dertarment Eric 6-2, 4-2, M M Lander (US) bit A Dertarment Eric 6-2, 4-2, M M Lander (US), 6-2, 6-2, M M Lander (US), 6-2, 6-2 CROYDON: LTA men's indoor agtellib

SQUASH RACKETS

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Driving force: Nigel Mansell was in devastating form again in his Williams-Renault at the Kyalami circuit, easily setting the fastest time during the first practice session yesterday for Sunday's South African grand prix. Amati in a spin, page 34

Injury cloud over Imran dims Pakistan's World Cup prospects

England seek safe waters

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

GRAHAM Gooch is so determinedly focused on his own team's programme that he steadfastly declines to discuss any other World Cup results. He will accept, though, that if things fall their way tomorrow. England are going to require a dramatic decline in form to surrender a semifinal position.

Five victories, from the eight preliminary round fixtures, will guarantee progress to the knockout finals. England have so far won two out of two; beating Pakistan here tomorrow would put them in clover, two more wins needed and the coming opposition to include Sri Lanka and

If, from a great distance, it all seems to be going suspifirm the impression. Take vesterday. While England arrived here full of hope that Allan Lamb would be fit to strengthen the side, Pakistan were far less positive about Imran Khan, who aggravated a sprained right shoulder while warming up for Thursday's win over Zimbabwe.

Lamb is important to Eng-land and would undeniably add zest and initiative to the middle-order. It has, however, already been shown that he is not indispensable, a distinction that Pakistan have persistently been unable to deny Imran.

Forced to play their open-ing game without him, last Sunday, Pakistan were as clueless as novice explorers suddenly shorn of their guide and compasses. Over the years, it has often been this way in Imran's absence and, sensing that nothing had changed, he played on Thurs-day despite being less than fully recovered.

He did not bat, did not

bowl and supervised the outcricket from the deep field. But Pakistan won comfortably, as indeed they should have done, and yesterday, as their captain joked about the (Gooch, Crowe, Wessels) were having on this competition. the players wore a more re-

Within this hectic competition is a daily, cultural bandwagon by air. Loiter at almost any of the main airports in Australia or New Zealand of a morning and you will see

FIXTURES (all times GMT): Today: Australia v India (Brisbane, 23.20); England v Pakistan (Adelaide, 23.30; live coverage by Sky Sports).

one or more of the teams coming or going.

Their travel dress, in some cases, is indicative. England wear tracksuits, hardly elegant but at least a uniform, and a revealing one. Pakistan's players wear team blazers but there, it seems, ends Few wear ties, some have floral shirts and Imran, yesterday, sported jeans, sandals and no socks.

They are in appearance as they are on the field, diverse and often disunited. Only Imran, for all his own wilfulness, has been able to successfully harness the talent

team manager, Intikhab Alam, was speaking of the possibility that he will play with a painkilling injection in his sprained shoulder, even if he cannot bowl.

With Wagar Younis back at home. Imran's bowling had assumed a new significance for his side. If he cannot operate, Pakistan will again be obliged to use more slow bowling than they would like, especially on a ground where the short, square boundaries are no incentive to spin.

England may even consider omitting Phil Tufnell here, though he is certain to play a part against Australia in Sydney next week. They might also be wise to conserve their strokeplayers. Botham included, for the middle-order on the premise that seeing off Wasim Akram without casualties will open up an Aladinadequate support bowling. Stewart and Gooch could sensibly, if temporarily, re-

sume their Test-match pairing at the top of the order. The most potent threat to England's screne progress is the weather. Taken at face. value, the weekend forecast for Adelaide guaranteed rain

complete washout. No reserve days are allocated during the qualifying round and if a minimum of 15 overs per side cannot be bowled, each country takes one point.

Floods have been wide-spread in Queensland recently and India's game with Sri Lanka at Mackay yesterday was predictably abandoned It ruined the tropical city's first official international, left the teams with a point apiece and deprived India, who lost their first game of the tourna-ment to England, of match practice. India now meet Australia in Brisbane tomorrow in what might have been an eagerly awaited clash of the last two champions but turns out to be an anxious scrap betweem two winless teams.

Australia beat India five times out of six during the World Series Cup and would again. These, however, are not ordinary days for Australian cricket. David Boon is likely to again deputise as wicketkeeper for the injured Healy, and more changes are imminent, but the present mood of the country is such that nobody will be surprised

Your victory proves that a non-racial South Africa will be a strong, successful and prosperous country. With best wishes, Nelson R Dr Bacher is one of a fastgrowing column of South Africans who are in Auckland for today's World Cup match between New Zealand and South Africa.

Mandela

joins

the Cup

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK

IN AUCKLAND

NOTHING could give a bet-ter idea of the indivisibility of the new United Cricket Board of South Africa

(UCBSA) than the message

sent by the president of the African National Congress (ANC) to Kepler Wessels,

captain of South Africa's

World Cup team, and Dr Ali Bacher, managing director of the board, after the defeat of

Australia in Sydney ou

Please accept hearty con-

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indicates the talent that

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what South Africa can

achieve when opportunities

are equal and open to all

"When the tunnel got darkest," Dr Bacher says of South Africa's years in isolation, "no one gave us as much encouragement as

New Zealand."
Donald Woods, exiled editor from East London and eminent libertarian, is also here, backing the South Africans, as is Steve Tshwete, of the UCBSA and the ANC. who says that, whereas he never shed a tear in his 15 years on Robben Island, he may have done so in the South African dressing room on Wednesday.

India frustrated, page 34

Sole to retire at end of summer tour

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

DAVID Sole, once described by his coach as a model of the modern rugby union forward, will retire after Scotland's tour of Australia this summer. Next Saturday's international against France. his 41st appearance in the Scotland front row, will be his last at Murrayfield.

Sole, who will be 30 in May, made the decision after the World Cup last November to end a career which embraced the victorious 1989 tour of Australia by the British Isles and the 1990 grand slam in the five nations' championship, when he captained Scotland to a momentous win over Eng-

He has led Scotland more times than any other player next Saturday will be his 22nd game in charge — and would have been a prime contender for the captaincy of the 1993 British Lions in New Zealand. But the increasing demands of rugby. the requirements of his young family and his job as a grain buyer for United Distillers in Edinburgh, determined his

Sole came to prominence with Bath and won his first cap as a loose head prop with them in 1986. He moved to Scotland and Edinburgh Academicals, becoming national captain in 1989.

"The family has been very much a second string to what I have been doing on the rugby field," he said. "They have been very supportive, as have United Distillers, but if I am to advance my career I can't be going off for six weeks every summer, plus the time off for the game in the winter and expect to take

holidays.
"I still enjoy the challeng of international rugby and I will get as much of a buzz out of my 41st cap as I did from my first. The responsibilities change but the enjoyment and thrill of representing your country don't."

☐ Nottingham have issued a statement of support for Gary Rees, their flanker, who has beencharged with causing grievous bodily harm to Stefan Marty during a match against London Irish in January: "It is a measure of the club's respect for Gary that he is a welcome member of the chub committee and that he will be given every possible support to maintain his justly-earned reputation of integrity, both as a person and as a rugby player."

Rees has withdrawn from

today's league match against Saracens because of a damaged shoulder.

> Egerton's drive, page 31 Team news, page 31

Jockey fined for post-race brawl

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THE Radcot Handicap Hurdie at Newbury ended in spectacular style yesterday — with a brawl between two

Billy Morris, who is also a Territorial Army reservist, head-butted Jamie Osborne in the face after an incident during the race. valets had to step in to pull

apart the two riders. Morris was found guilty of improper conduct and fined £200 by the stewards after the confrontation was reported to them by Oliver Sherwood, the trainer, for whom Osbome

On Scottish Grand National day in 1990, Osborne was stapped on the face in the weighing room by Jenny Pit-

rides.

man after a mid-race incident. The Lambourn trainer was also fined £200.

"I must have the sort of face that people like to hit," Osborne said before leaving the Berkshire course in search of Far from interfering with

Morris and his mount, Osassist him. "He is too stupid to realise but what I was trying to do on the bend was to look after him and make sure he didn't get hampered." Morris left the course with a s curt "no comment."

Rouyan, ridden by Morris, finished third in the race and Prime Display, Osborne's mount, was unplaced.

Murray inquest, page 3

Ardiles's hopes dashed

OSSIE Ardiles's hopes of returning to football manage-ment with Bristol City were dashed when the second division dub announced yesterday that there was serious opposition to his appointment at a board meeting (Clive White writes).

"The feeling was that our problems could not be solved simply by hiring a famous name," Les Kew, the club's chairman said He added that he was "flattered" that the Argentinian was interested in filling the vacancy brought about by the dismissal of Jimmy Lumsden.

Ardiles, who was dismissed three weeks ago by Newcastle United, has already turned down invitations to manage Plymouth Argyle and Torquay United. City have recoived more than 20 applications for the post.

Martin O'Neill, the former Nottingham Forest and Northern Ireland international who manages Wycombe Wanderers, is thought to be among the front runners. Russell Osman, who is a Bristol City player, is another.

tor, Mike Ford, writes to tell

Lord Trophy, the Barclays Commercial Services Cup,

the Isthmian League Cup, the Loctite Cup and Trophy,

Now running are the Bob

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Bermuda breached by class

FROM RICHARD STREETON, IN HAMILTON, BERMUDA

on a 17-hour journey via New York to Barbados vesterday. Bermuda's cricketers were digesting the harsh lessons from four heavy defeats. En-gland's brief visit brought a reminder of the gulf between gifted professionals and club players, according to Doug Ferguson, the former National Cricket Association (NCA) coach in northern England.

Ferguson is now overseeing Bermuda's efforts to improve standards. As a Northamptonshire scout, he was responsible in his NCA days for developing players like possessed a full share of po-

Will the perfect training

conditions, the athletics tra-

ditions, and vaulting sport-

ing ambition inspire heroics

in other sports? Yes indeed, I

am told. Kenya will one day

rule the world in cycling. All

it needs is the lighting of the

blue touch paper. Outside

the towns and cities, Ke-

nyans run to school, to work

and home again, mile after

Or they cycle. Generally,

they ride the Chinese-made

boneshakers that you find in

every developing country in the world: gearless, battle-

ship-heavy and indestructi-

ble. Kenya has some cycle

clubs that ride only

suchbikes. But there are oth-

ers who are racing exotic

Kenya is not competing

AS THE England A team left Willey, Geoff Cook, Bailey on a 17-hour journey via New and Mallender for the county, an impressive record. "The difference between England and themselves has really been emphasised for Bermuda," he said.

Ferguson was impressed with the England team, which looks certain, he said. to do well in the future at the highest level. "Their quality showed in every way, with bowlers keeping a good line, batsmen playing straight and waiting for the bad ball to put away and consistently keen, tight fielding."

lem with the four-man committee of the Amateur

Cycling Association of Ke-

nya. There are moves afoot

to replace these men, and

thus to open the door to the

rest of the world. When that

happens, say bullish Kenyan

bikers, the world can brace

itself. Kenya winning the

Tour de France? You read it

Masai next

MORE bullishness. Well,

place in sport these days.

Wait till the Masai takes up

athletics. So says John

officer of the International

Amateur Athletic Federa-

tion, for anglophone Africa.

The long-limbed Masai

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

Kenyans get into gear

Nairobi

KENYAN athletes dominate middle and long distance internationally because the world governing body, the International Arnateur Cy-

running all over the world. ding Federation, has a prob-

tential, he emphasised, and there was a willingness and ability there to improve but it would take time. He was trying to instil an awareness that baismen had to plan lengthy stays at the crease, rather than lose patience, and bowlers had to remember that it was no good bowling four good balls in an over if two others were loose and

went for four. He added that indoor facilities on the island also had to established.

be improved and a progres sive structure from under-13

level in schools through to the national side had to be

can run for ever. If they ever

set the pace for running in circles instead of straight lines, we will have something worth watching. I am just back from the

Masai Mara, in the company of a Masai with the singularly pleasant name of Simon. Simon Turasha is a man who can walk all day at time? an effortless 4mph. Seventy In these matches the ball kilometers? A day's walk, he

Facing a ban

said, shrugging Keino? Boh? Ngugi? We ain't seen

nothing yet.

RUGBY referees. David Bishop (New Zealand) and Stephen Hilditch (Ireland), have provoked the collers of the council of Moncrabeau (pop: 792) in the Lot-et. Garonne. They have been Kenya is a not unbullish declared undesirable and a threat to public order, for being "unfair" in two recent matches lost by Prance. The Velzian, the development decree has teeth. Neither can take part in the World Championship for Making Faces and the election of the King of the Liars.

Percentages :

ning numbers from the fabulous Swedish figures factory. Statistics Sweden. Did you know that in the last football World Cup in Italy, scheduled 90 minute matches lasted between 90 and 110 minutes, not counting half-

was in play for between 50 and 55 minutes. In other words, nearly half a football

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game is stoppages. Injuries, free kicks, throw-ins, and HERE are some more stungeneral messing about. Compare this with tennis.

singlesmatch lasts quite as long as a football match, but the ball is in play only half as long. In the Australian Open final, when Jim Courier beat Stefan Edberg in four sets, the match lasted 2hr 25min and the ball was in play for 26min 39sec. Or in other figures, for 83 per cent of the match. Courier and Edberg were doing things other than playing tennis. What does all this mean, I ask myself.

An average men's

Deep breath

THIS column sends greetings to a magazine called Bureau of Non-League Football, which recently passed the milestone of 100 issues in its twelfth year.

This gloriously esoteric publication carries results the greatest event excites the and league tables of every greatest of passion. obscure league in existerice. "We also follow the league cup competitions," the edi-

the NPL League Challenge Cup, President's Cup and first division Cup, Dan-Air League Cup and Elite Class Cup, Spartan League Cup, Essex League Cup, Heris Aubrey Cup, Winstonlead Kent League Cup, GM Western Les Phillips Cup, Jewson Wessex, Jewson Eastern Counties, Jewson South Western League Cup, Comwall Combination, Hellenic premier and division one cups, Northern League Cup, Bass North West Courtties Raab Karcher Cup, Northern Counties East League C & W Engineering

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The foodies' bible, the Michelin Red Guide, is due out again next week. Carolyn Fairbairn suggests it's time it had a retread

his guide that was born with the century will last as long." These words appeared in the preface to the first Michelin Red Guide, published in 1900 and given away free at all French petrol stations. It looked much the same as it does now - hotels and restaurants for each town rated by symbols, with plenty of maps. It also contained a few tips now rendered obsolete. like which hills were too steep for motor cars, how to use a starting handle, and whether the post office had a telegraph.
But the hotel and

rating system endured. Not only has the French Red Guide lasted most of the century to become the oldest regularly updated guide around, it is the vade-mecum of travellers in France. Michelin sells about 650,000 copies each year, including enough in the UK to put it into the best-seller list for 21 weeks in 1991.

But how reliable is the famous Red Guide in this fast-changing world? "If it's in the Michelin it will be OK," was the motto of the 1960s and 70s. But, in the more sophisticated 1990s, has the much-loved Michelin guide been outgrown by its readers?

To find out, I visited 46 Avenue de Breteuil in Paris's fifteenth arrondissement, the headquarters of Michelin's Red Guide. In contrast with the glitz and showbiz of much of today's French restaurant industry, the building is official Michelin remains soher and monastic, keeping a deliberate distance from its readers. It neither advertises nor accepts advertising, and rarely gives interviews.

At its head is Bernard Naegellen, a grey-haired, bespec-----tacled man who looks more like a bank manager than one of the most feared figures in the French restaurant industry. He is its headmaster, widely respected for

"Naegellen is like a stern monk," says one restaurateur. "But he knows about food."

e should do — for chefs, the Michelin guide is the kingmaker. When Bernard Loiseau's third star became public last year, his revenues rose by 60 per cent. For the losers, depression can be acute.

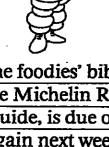
Despite the power that Michelin has over French haute cuisine. Michelin is working for Mr Average, not for the aristocratic gastronome. "I care about the ordinary couple celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary, who have saved up all year," M Naegellen says. This is at the core of Michelin's soul.

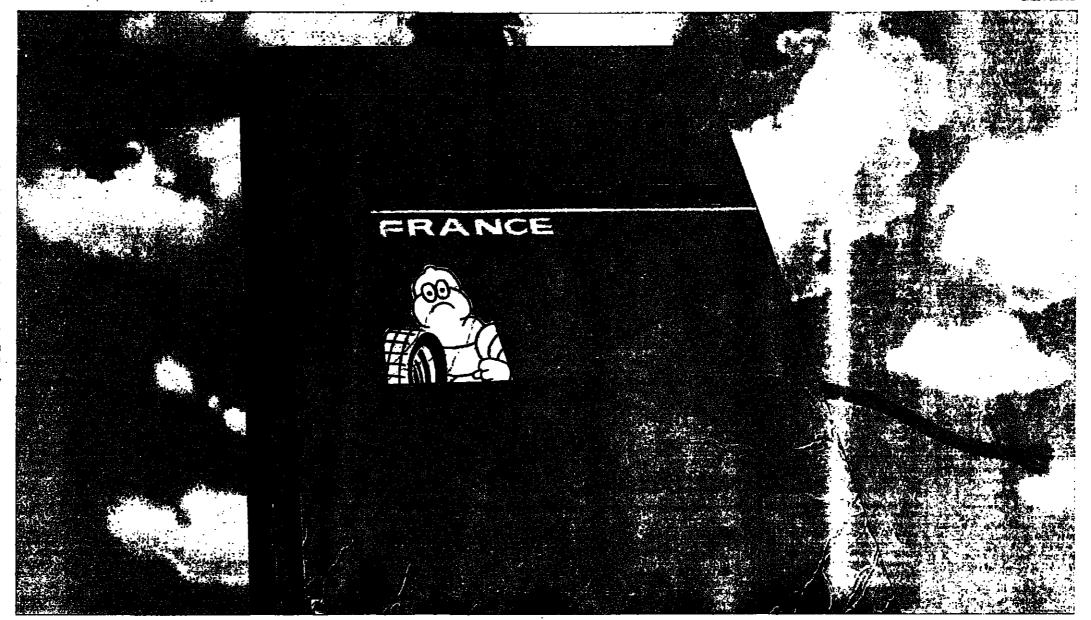
Unlike inspectors from other guides, who announce their presence on the grounds that everyone is judged at their best, Michelin inspectors travel incognito.

Their honesty is, it seems, be-yond reproach. Philippe Coudere, a top French restaurant critic. likens them to 18th-century travelling preachers, low paid and inspired by faith. Even chefs who have been overlooked by Michelin praise its integrity. As one UK food writer put it: "You don't have to sleep with the Michelin man to get a star."

For important decisions such as stars, up to 15 trips by different inspectors are made over the course of a few years.

But does Michelin really have enough inspectors to do the job properly? The official number of Michelin men who grade the 14,000 establishments in the Red Guide is a closely guarded secret. but is thought to be between ten and 15. Rumours circulate that this number has fallen due to recent financial difficulties at the parent company, Michelin Tyres,





Fading stars

an estimated 125,000 restaurants is mind-boggling, and a few simple sums suggest that Michelin must have to cut corners on occasion. With 15 inspectors eating two meals a day for 225 days a year, only 6,750 restaurants, a mere 5 per cent of the total, can be evaluated each year. M Naegellen argues that many of the nonvisited restaurants are of the sandwich bar variety, and not worth the visit. The 5,000 unstarred restaurants that appear in the guide can be visited only about once every 18 months, which gives plenty of time for the food to go

Many of the 6,600 hotels in the guide are presumably graded even less frequently, and M Naegellen concedes that only about half are judged through an overnight stay. He argues that bad ones are picked up through letters. Michelin receives more than 31,000 each year, and replies to each one individually. Inspectors visit all

establishments complained about. Despite all these good inten-tions, mistakes are inevitable both omission of the worthy and inclusion of the unworthy. But the fact remains that no other guide comes close to offering such com-prehensive and professionally researched guidance on where to eat and stay in more than 10,000

towns across France. Where Michelin starts getting into trouble is in explaining what it has found out. Instead of using words, the guide relies on 120. different symbols. These can be not only confusing, but distinctly unhelpful in distinguishing exciting, interesting places from the bland mass of the rest. The crossed-knives-and-forks are particularly misleading since, contrary to common sense, they

denote comfort, not good food.

Picking out hotels with some style and charm is easier, since Michelin awards towers (one to five to denote comfort) in red. For the rest, however, the symbols are not much more helpful than an official government ranking. Would it not be sensible to have a

few words to help tourists? "No, we have no plans to have text," M Naegellen says, "We are not journalists but professional critics. We are objective."

But there may be another, more subtle reason for sticking to symcompetitor, the Gault Millau guide, which describes each estab-

lishment in evocative language. But the need for more than symbols has destroyed Michelin's monopoly. Many tourists now invest in both the Michelin and a second, chattier guide, such as Gault Millau, which claims to sell 150,000 copies a year in France, or in Le Bottin Gourmand, the number three guide, which is becoming increasingly popular among French travellers.

The most hotly debated part of Michelin's philosophy, conceived

rumours which are hotly denied by M Naegellen.

Still, the physical enormity of Michelin's task in a country with strain aging director of Michelin's main

bols. "Once words are introduced cuisine. It can be a small bistro or you lay yourself open to gunfire." a plush palace like the Plaza a plush palace like the Plaza a plush palace. Two stars are more aging director of Michelin's main about well-researched dishes, sophisticated service, and a good

> But it is the third star that is the Nobel prize of the restaurant world. The official Red Guide definition is "exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey". According to M Naegellen, "to win a third star there has to be a personality behind the food that you can feel. At Bocuse, it is the chef. At the Tour d'Argent, it is

Claude Terrail, its owner."

How far should we trust Michelin's opinion of what is good for us? Michelin is undoubtedly

that he has got past caring about the coveted third star. Nico Ladenis, the owner of Chez Nico. is, however, said to be upset at the constant rejection.

Losers of stars have been similarly outspoken in their fury at Michelin. When Gidleigh Park lost its

star two years ago, Paul Henderson, the owner, wrote to 100 of his clients declaring it to be a travesty; many coltry agreed with him. rants in France are non-French.
One Paris food critic remarks: "It inspectors are too

school graduates in their twenties know what good food is?" he asks. Derek Brown, the head of the Great Britain Red Guide, main-

Then there is decor. Some critics snootily claim that Michelin inspectors do not understand real style when they see it. The typical background of an inspector is hotel school, with ten years in the hotel business. Their taste tends to favour glitz and pomp, rather than elegance, say the cattier critics. Slow to give, Michelin is also and food critics get special treatslow to take away. The Oustau de Baumanière in Les Baux was disappointing its clientele for several years before it finally lost its

young and inexperienced to make a valid judgment. "How can hotel tains that the purpose of the Michelin rating is misunderstood

in the UK. "We are not making numerous trips to these restaurants for the critics, but for ordinary people. Well-known chefs

ment when they dine out, we don't. So when we have a few so-so meals at a starred restaurant, we have to reflect it for the benefit of our readers."

None the less, the Red Guide can withstand only so much public criticism before its credibility starts to sag. In Britain, it seems that the Michelin star is in danger of becoming an insiders' award rather than a valuable guide to

ordinary eaters. There is no doubt that the French Michelin Red Guide will partment companion for many years to come. It will find you a hotel in the middle of Bourg-Madame at midnight, and steer you in the direction of many a passable meal. It will provide you with the best city plans in the world and the altitude of every

town you pass through.
But do not expect it to find you the hotel room of your dreams, locate for you the meal of a lifetime, or help you to avoid mock Louis XV decor. Move over, Michelin Man - we need more than stars to see by.

TOP GUIDES TO FRANCE

The leading independent guides for travellers in France are:

• Michelin Red Guide to France

Still the bible of travel in France. Uses only symbols. One to three stars for restaurants, and one to five towers for hotels. Generally conservative (£11.25).

 Guide Gault Millau Contains chatty comment on all hotels and restaurants listed (almost always favourable). Takes more risks than Michelin. Also uses symbols — one to four toques (chefs' hats) for restaurants plus a grading out of 20, and one to five towers for hotels. English translation available (E21.95).

• Le Bottin Gourmand Lists hotels and restaurants by departement with comments. Uses one to four stars for restaurants, keys for hotels. Gaining rapid popularity among the French. No English translation yet

● The Good Hotel Guide Contains section on France with comments and tourists' quotes on hotels (no restaurants), but no grading (£13.99).

in the era of French paternalism, is the premise that Michelin knows what people want. "There are only two types of food in this world — the good and the bad," M Naegellen says. This belief is at the core of the Michelin star system.

(available only in France).

star restaurants in France, 87 two-star, and only 19 three-star. For a chef, aiming to win one of these honours is like an athlete training for a world record without knowing what time he has to beat. M Naegellen emphasises that what is on the plate is the most important for all three ratings. "In a one-star, we are looking for a good standard of high quality



chef Bernard Loiseau

There are 495 one-Michelin. The general rule is that Gault Millau will pick out talented and innovative chefs earlier than Michelin, but they may be a slightly riskier bet.

ognised as one of France's greatest chefs

by most critics for several years before he was finally recognised by

But it is in the field of ethnic food that Michelin can appear arrogant. "We can judge a Japanese or Indian restaurant as good or bad,

conservative in its taste in restaurants, dating from the 1970s, when it op-posed the rise of nouvelle cuisine (even today, M Naegellen does not acknowledge its existence). Bernard Loiseau had been rec-

own judgments. In the UK the gournet crowd has began to gang up on Michelin. The Michelin Red Guide to Great Britain. launched in 1974, has always faced an uphill struggle - British cuisine is more wayward than French. But in the last few years, the resentment of some vocal figures at what they perceive to be Michelin's closed mind threatens the guide's credibility. The criticism focuses on the stars. Britain has only two three-starred restaurants, both of them

rants in France are non-French.

is not worth buying Michelin or Gault Millau to find out about foreign food in France. They don't

third star in 1991. There remains

one last apparent anomaly in Michelin's list of French stars -

the Tour d'Argent, the only three-star restaurant of the pre-1970s

still to enjoy this rating despite changes of chef. Few Paris restau-

rant buffs would rate it so high.
"But the food is not bad," the Red

Guide's chief says. Only not bad?

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undeniably excellent, and both run by the Roux brothers, Albert and Michel, who are of course French. But many would argue that there are at least three other contenders for Michelin's highest accolade: Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons near Oxford, and Chez Nico and Tante Claire in London, all two-starred restaurants. Why they do not have three stars has generated a mixture of bewilderment and anger among critics and chefs alike. Raymond Blanc at the Manoir aux Quat' Saisons calls the Red Guide "a joke", declaring

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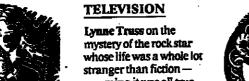


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CROSS MY HEART (15): Wan visually dull French tale of children concealing a mother's death from the authorities. With Sylvain Copans; director, Jacques

Curzon Phoenix (071-240



Reese Witherspoon: lovelorn in The Man in the Moon

DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15): Sam Neill as an ageing mother's boy sucked into love, violence and accidental murder. Tasty blac comedy from new Australian director John Ruane. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-

437 0757) THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE (15): Krzysztot Kiesłowski's brilliantly filmed conundrum about two girls (one Polish, one French) who see to share a life. With Irêne Jacob, Philippe Volter. Curzon Mayfair (071-465

FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG): Daughter's impending wedding drives Steve Martin crazy. Disappointing remake of the 1950 classic; for audiences who want to be spoon-fed. With Diane Keaton, director, Charles

Cannons: Cheisea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington 914501) West End (0426 792 3332).

FOR THE BOYS (15): 5ongand-dance team entertain troops three wars, only to be ruined by a synthetic script. With Bette Midler, James Caan, director, Mark Rydell

Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574). FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15). Short-order cook (Al Pacno) court a wary waitress (Michelle Pfeiffer). Synthetic adaptation of Terrence McNally's play. Director, Garry Marshall Cannon Fulham Road (071-

370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). JFK (15) Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drama about the Kennedy assassination Kevin Costner as crusading D.A. Jim Garrison; a bustling supporting cast Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenu (071-836 8861) MGM Trocadero (071 434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on

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THE MAN IN THE MOON (PG) Pangs of young love in rural Louisiana Quiet, old fashioned drama, honest deep down, though wel round the edges. With Sam

Waterston, Tes Harper, Reese Witherspoon, Emily Warfield; director, Robert Mulligan. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

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MISSISSIPPI MASALA (15): Indians displaced from Uganda to Mississippi fret over race and young love. Sharp insights, but soggy at the centre. Starring Santa Choudhury, Denzel Washington, Director, Mira

Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15): New York psychiatrist helps tootball coach face family ideas above its station, grandly acted by Nick Nolte. Barbra Streisand directs and co-stars, but fails to sing. Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792

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EXPRESSIONISM: The Manchester celebrations begin with Schoenberg's mighty Gurrelieder tonight in the Free Trade Hall. when the Halle Choir and Leeds ar Sheffield Philharmonic Choruses oin the English Northern Philharmonia under the balon of Paul Daniels. This first crop of concerta also includes a lunchtime recreation of the 100th Viennese Vereinkonzert by featuring Serah Fulgoni reciting the Sprechstimme role in Schoenberg's Pierrot Lunaire. On Monday Arkanthos gives a programme under Paul McGrath of Eisler, Ferneyhough, Webern and Schoenberg, while there are recitals by New Music Ensemb Goehr, Maxwell Davies, Welli and Hindemith) tomorrow and by the Lindsay Quartet (of Haydn, Berg and Schubert) on Thursday.

The other arts are also well Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061-834 1712), tonight, 7 30pm. Music (as above), Mon, 7,30pm Tues, 1.10pm. Departm Music, Manchester University (061 275 4982), tomorrow. Thurs,

HILLIARD ENSEMBLE: This small group of golo voices creates rere, transcendent intimacy in its performances. It will be intriguing to hear how John Cas responds to his commission from them. The Polish composer Henryk Górecki has also provided a new piece, Cantata II, for Christopher Bowers-Broa play on the organ. Arvo Pärt's Miserse (written expressly for the Hilliards) and, from eight centuries back, Perotinus Magnus centuries back, Peronius Magnus
complete the programme.
The Cathedral, Durham (091384 3720), Tues, 7.30pm
Westminster Abbey, London
SW1 (071-928 8800), Thurs, 7.45pm.
King's College Chapel,
Cambridge (0223 352000), Fri,
7.30pm.

ROSSINI BIRTHDAY GALA: Celebrating today's bicentenary of performed by the City of London leaturing extracts from Rossini operas. With the Tallis Chamber Chorr and the London Symphony Chorus Soloists include Judith Howarth, soprano, and Richard Crist, bass Barbican Centra, Silk Street. London EC2 (071-638 8891). loday.

7.30pm.

7.30pm, BARBICAN PREMIERES: The BBC Symphony Orchestra gives the world premieres of Colin Matthews's Broken Symmetry and of the orchestral version of Oliver Knussen's Whitman Settings. David Home is the planist and Lucy Shelton the soprano, and the

en Sibelius's tone poem for

Prometheus, the Poem of Fire. Barbican Centre, as above. Thurs, 7.45pm. QUARTET NOW PLAYING: Free lunchtime series, featuring young British string quartets

Loonnotar, and Scrabin's exotic

new pieces are sandwiched

soprano and orchestra,

every week until April 8. This week the Duke Quartet plays Bartok. Dvorak and a work by Thoma Festival Hall Foyer, South

Bank, London SE1 (071-929 8800), Wed, 12,30pm.

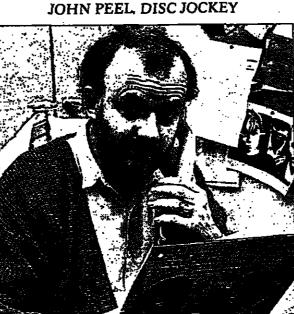
TOWARDS THE MILLENNEUM: The London onietta and Simon Rattle take a programme of Ives (Three Places in New England), Satie (Parade), Schreker (Chamber Symphony) and Stravinsky (Ragtime and Renard) to the three principal cities involved in the 1911-1920 sector of the festival. Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021-212 3333), Wed, 7,30pm. St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 371236), Thurs, 7:30pm. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Fri,

BARBER OF SEVILLE: The of the birth of Rossin celebrated with a revival of onathan Miller's widely praised English National Opera production of Rosami's opera, re slaged by John Abulafia, in a clever translation by Amanda and Anthony Holden. Michael Lewis is Figaro, while Errlan James sings Rosina. The cast also includes Peter Bronder as Almaviva, Andrew Shore as Bartolo, and Richard Anges as Besilio Jacek Kaspszyk Colliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161; cc 071-

240 5258), tonight. 7.30pm. STUDENT OPERA: Two productions are recommended this week: the Royal Northern College of Music stages Vaughan Williams's opera The Pilgrim's Progress, completed in 1949, conducted by Igor Kennaway and produced by Joseph Ward; and at the Guildhall School, and at the Gambhail School, Clive Timms conducts Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream, directed by Robin Tebbutt. RNCM, Manchester (061-273 4504/5534), Frl. 7.15pm; with three

more performances later this month. **Guildhall School of Music**, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891). Wed, Fri, 7pm.

EVENINGS OUT



6 I shall certainly be seeing the film JFK, as I was in Dallas when Kennedy was shot. I went to the press conference in the basement of the jail where we were told that Lee Harvey-Oswald had been charged with the assassination, and presumably that press conference features in the film. I met Kennedy once, and was impressed that he talked about me rather than about himself, which I thought was fairly extraordinary for a man in his position. Because I cry incredibly easily. I'm afraid I won't be able to see The Prince of Tides. If anything has even a few moments of sentiment in it, I daren't go, because I sob. "Engineers of the Human Soul", the exhibition of Soviet Socialist Realist Painting (1930-60), at the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford sounds like something that would interest me. I go to galleries on my own, because if you go with someone else they insist on telling you what you should like, and I prefer to make up my own mind. 9

ROCK --

COWBOY JUNKIES: Tuneful country rock from this Toronto ben Man, boasts sweet, expres singing from Margo Timmins and haunting, occasionally morbid lynes from her brother Michael. Mandele Hall, Belfest (0232 329666), today, 7.30pm. Olympia Theatre, Dublin (010 353 1 777744), tomorrow, 7.30pm. Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061-236 7.110), Mon, 7pm. Pavilion, Glasgow (041-332 1846), Tues. 7.30pm, Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 463204), Wed, 6pm. Albert Hall, London SW7 (071-589 8212), Fri, 6.45pm.

LYLE LOYETT: The innovative Texan singer-songwriter gives a non-off concert previewing his humorous but powerful new "gospel death" album, Joshua Judges Ruth. It's returns only, but he will be back in London at the Hammersmith Odeon, June 12. Shaw Theatre, London NW1 (071-388 1394), Wed, 9pm.

<u>JAZZ</u>

JAN GARBAREK GROUP: Melodic, ethereal compositions from the Norwegian sexophonist back in this country for the start of the promising Silk Cut City Jazz

season. Town Hall, Birmingham (021-236 2392), today, 8pm. Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061-236 7110), tommorrow, 7.30pm. Featival Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon, 7.30pm. Usher Hall, Edinburgh (031-228 155). Tues, 8pm. St Ge Bradford (0274 752000), Wed. 7.30pm: Com Ex Cambridge (0223 357851), Thurs 8pm. Victoria Room (0272 299008), Fri, 8pm.

DANCE

MANON: Kenneth MacMillan's

passionate ballet, based on the famous story by Abbé Prévost. Royal Ballet repertoire. This afternoon, Darcey Sussell makes her debut as the selfdestructive 18th-century French courtesan who ends up dying for love. Zoltan Solymosi, th dashing Hungarian who has just joined Covent Garden, partners her as Manon's impoverished lover Des Grieux Tonight, the Kirov star Altynai Asylmuratova dances the title rol with Laurent Hilaire from the Paris Opera Ballet. A great story, and a great ballet. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), lonight, Thurs, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.30pm.

•MOMIX: Moses Pendleton brings his imaginative blend of acrobatics, illusion and dance to Sadier's Wells in a a new work entitled *Passion*, which features Peter Gabriel's score to The Last Temptation of Christ, used for the first time as a fullscale dance soundtrack. Although noted for his humour, the American choreographer promises a slightly more serious look at the fundamental human emotion of the title. Opens on

Tuesday Sadier's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), Tues-Set, 7.30pm.

VOLTAIRE: This new chamber ballet company, which grew out of the now disbanded Dance Advance troupe, launches itself vith a premiere at the Gardner Centre in Brighton. The programme, called Ballet for Sex, features Alter Ego, a new collaboration between the sexophonist John Surman and the choreographer Jennifer Jackson. In the Mists. choreographed by Michael Corder, is the other new ballet on the programme. Following its Brighton debut, Voltaire plans a national tour. Gardner Centre, University of

Sussex, Falmer, Brighton (0273 685861), lonight, 7.45pm. ROYAL GALA: The Princess of Wales is attending a gala performance in aid of the Benesh Institute, the place where dance notators are trained. The evening of ballet, devised and produced by Wayne Sleep, will leature many Covent Garden dancers, including Darcey. Bussell, Lesley Collier, Viviana Durante and Anthony Dowell. The performance is followed by a gala dinner in the ICI Atnum. St John's Smith Square,

London SW1 (Booking details on

071-222.2168), tomorrow, _____

7.30pm

EXHIBITIONS

BULGARIAN ART: Britain's exploration of art from the newly democratised East continues a pace. This extraordinary show of more than 200 works by 60 artists dezzles and confuses, since the pieces it contains, some brilliantly original, some repellent kitach, firmly refuse eeting of time-slip, but the strongly expressionist paintings of Peter Dimov, the disturbing totems of Krassimir Arsov and the glowing semi-abstracted farm subjects of Ivan Obretenov would ook good in any context. Gagliardi, 509 King's Road, London SW10 (071-352 3663), Mon-Sat, 10em-5.30pm, opens Tues.

V & A MASTER PRINTS: For its latest venture into the market place, the Victoria & Albert museum, in its capacity as national collection of watercolours, has decided to put out limited editions of colletype facsimiles (made by what is thought to be the only printer in the world still using the process) of a series of masterpieces, some well known, others not seen in oublic for years. This one-day launch includes all the prints in the first hatch, plus a unique apportunity to see the originals by artists including Constal Turner, Blake and Francis Burney in a West End gallery, Roy Miles Gallery, 29 Bruton Street, London W1 (071-495 4747). Originals on show Wed 8.30am-3.30pm. Thereafter, prints Set 9am-1pm. Until March 28.

DENZIL FORRESTER: At the end of a museum tour which has included Preston, Newcastle, Lincoln and Stirling, Forrester's show comes finally to London. It is rare for so young an artist (35) to be so extensively shown, but Forrester, who comes from Granada, fully justifies it with powerful images, someti prismatically coloured. nelimes starkly monochromat reflecting his international background and his fascinati disco culture. Clearly an itstanding figure of his genera Agi Katz Fine Art, Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, London NW8 (071-624 1126). Wed-Sal, 11am-6pm, opens Thurs. Until March 28.

ANDREA MANTEGNA: Since one of Mantegna's grandest works the great series devoted to *The* Triumphs of Caesar, is part of the roval collection, London seams a logical place for this first retrospective of the painter for ntogna is unique many years. Mantegna is ur among 15th-century Italian artists for the impression he gives of passion only just held in check by the disciplines of classical form.

Royal Acade Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), daily, 10am-6pm, until April 5. Sponsored by Olivetti. VAN GOGH IN ENGLAND: No.

there is no great undiscovere English period in Van Gogh's painting to match the wonders of Brabant, Paris, Arles and Stland, 1873-76, w extremely important for his subsequent development, opening his eyes to the social realist work of illustrators and of painters such as Herkon Fildes, as well as Gustav Doré's grim views of contempo London. This show lills in the background, with examples of the British art which fascinated the painter and ten important Van Gogh paintings.
Berbican Art Gallery.
Berbican Centre, EC2 (071-838
4141). Mon and Wed-Sat.



NEW DISPLAYS 1992: Under Nicholas Serota the new year's rehang at the Tale is becoming an eagerly awaited annual ever What seems to have been arrived at is a happy compromise between permanent display and constantly changing exhibition. Highlights this year include rooms devoted to such subjects as the British Surrealists, Hogarth and his Circle, and Post-War Abstraction — Paris, es well as a re-examination of the British kitchen sink. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun, 2-5.30pm, Until early 1993.

SALEROOMS

collection of line-engraved envelopes, including an 1840. Victoria and Albert (up to £7,000). 11em, At the same time Bonham's have silver, including a very handsome pair of George IV bucket-shaped wine coolers (up to £15,000). Sotheby's have a large group of glass paperweights in their glass and ceramic sale, 11am and 2pm. At 1pm Christie's South Kensington have a sale of scientific instruments and tools with a notable medical collection. A trepanning set is : estimated at uplo \$2,500 and a pair of folding leather eye-glasses circa 1750, at up to £2,000. Their is a Tompion bracket clock (up to £90,000) at Phillips, 2pm. Christie's Kings Street, St James's, London SW1 (071-839) Street, London W1 (071-493 8080). Christie's South Kensin

85 Old Brompton Road, SW7 (071-581 7611). Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629

WEDNESDAY: Sotheby's claim one of the earliest long case clocks. a splendid architectural creat by Edward East circa 1665 (up to £120,000) among their time pieces from Tompion and Quare to Rolex, 10.30am At 11am and 2pm the same house has Victorian paintings and watercolours In Newbury at 10.30am Dreweatt Neate sell paintings, prints, books and manuscripts including the cricketing archive and collection of the late Sir George "Gubby" Allen, captain of England in the 1930s. His 1968 Bentley is also on offer Dreweatt Neate, Donnington Priory, Newbury, Berkshire (0635 31234).

FRIDAY: A portrait of his wife by Sir William Orpen In Dublin Bay (up to £180,000) is the star of peintings sale at Christie's 11am. There are also three oil paintings by Jack Yeats illustrating characters in the book irishmen All. At the same time in their Lots Road saleroom Rocham's offer fountain pens and classic cigarette lighters. Bonham's, 65-69 Lots Road, London SW10 (071-351 7111).

ALICE (20:20 Vision, 15). Mia Farrow's beautiful performance gives a sweet glow to Woody Allen's flimsy comic fantasy abou a mousy Manhattan wife emerging from her shell with the help of herbal magic. Allen nself keeps behind the camera.



Farrow in the comedy, Alice THE ICICLE THIEF (Palace. PG): Greatly engaging comedy satirising Italian neo-realism. indignities done to televised films. Written, directed by, and starring, Maurizio Nichetti — an Italian comic hugely popular on his



soulsters headline two "One Day

VIDEOS



Beautiful performance: Mia

home turf. 1990. LET HIM HAVE IT (First Independent, 15): An epileptic lad's road to the hangman's noose. Powerful drama from the 1952 Craig-Bentley case. Chris Eccleston and Paul Reynolds as the youths embroiled in a roofcharacter players Director

Peter Medak. 1991. SPARTACUS (CIC. PG): Restored and "letterboxed" point of Stanley Kubrick's Roman Empire epic, a rum mix of new clichès. Succulent acting (Kirk Douglas, Olivier, Laughton, Ustinov). Not ideal domestic viewing, though the small screen helps to closik the studio backdrops. Only available from W.H. Smith, 1960.

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BOOKINGS

group's sell-out concerts earlier this year Mick Hucknall and

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Handel first staged his *Messiah* in Dublin on April 13 1742. For this 250th anniversary performance Sir Neville Marriner will conduct the Orchestra and Chorus of the Academy of St-Martin-in-the-Fields Joined by a prestigious group of soloists: Sylvia McNair, Anne Sofie von Otter, Michael Chance, Jerry Hadley and Robert Lloyd.
The Point Depot, Dublin, April
13. Tickets on sale at Stargreen Box
Office, 20-21a Argyll Street,
London W1 (071-734 8932).

Vincent's Chair: exhibited at "Van Gogh in England"

Wembley Stadium, Wembley (081-900 1234), July 11. Lancashire County Cricket Club, Menchester (cc: 061-237 5554/848 7021/236 9922/969 4959), July 18. CORIOLANUS: Kennelh Branagh, who returns to the Royal Shakespeare Company this year to play Hamlet, opens the Chichester summer season with a production of Conclanus. Branagh lakes the tille role. with Judi Dench as Volumnia and Richard Briers as Menenius under the direction of Tim Supple. Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park, Chichester (0243 781312), previews from May 4; opens May 13 and runs in repertory until June 27.

IREK MUKHAMEDOY AND TUESDAY: Christie's offer a

COMPANY: A new group formed by the former Bolshoi star consisting of Royal Ballet colleagues who will perform in their off-duty hours.. Besides the usual bravura show pieces, they will give new works made for them by three Royal choreographers: Matthew Hart, Ashley Pege and William Tuckett. **Demgate Theatre** Northsimpton (0604 24811), April 14. Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0685 244544), 15; Alhambra, Bradford (0274 752000), 18.

Film: Geoff Brown; Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Classical Mu and Opera: Stephen Pettitt; Rock and Jazz: Stephene Osborne; Dance: Debra Craine; Exhibitions: John Russell Taylor: Videos: Geoff Brown dings: Kari Knight;

Salerooms: Huon Malialieu

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Decline and fall of Red Elvis



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Lynne Truss sets out to solve the mystery of the disappearing Iron Curtain rock star who filled the cold war years before glasnost

ver since arts programmes discovered the deep hilarity of making spoof profiles, one has been deliberately wary of Arenas with titles such as last night's The Incredible Case of Comrade Rockstar (BBC2). You watch them with your head tilted back, your eyes narrowed and an "Oh yes?" resting like a bubble on your pursed lips. What's this they're expecting me to believe now? That a profoundly mediocre, dead American singer called "Dean Reed" (a clearly fictitious name) was an official megastar in the Soviet bloc for 20 years? Oh, come

on guys. Get a life.
They make out that it's all true, of course. You have to hand it to them. See the clean-cut Colorado boy with the photofit face and standard-issue cowboy hat filming a Soviet-style pop video (on authentically drained colour film) singing "This Train is Bound for Glory" atop the trans-Siberian railway. Gasp as he performs
"Ghost Riders in the Sky" to a
delighted Yasser Arafat ("Yippeeeye-ay: yippee-eye-oh"). Thrill to his jaunty cover version of "Yellow Submarine". What do they take us for? All these witnesses are actors, I tell you. All those film-clips are clever mock-ups. Fancy calling his invented East Berlin domicile "Schmockwitz". There was no need to rub it in.

But the truly incredible and compelling thing about this 90-minute film (based on a book by American journalist Reggie Na-delson and fronted by her in a rather drab, all-purpose mac) was that in the end it simply had to be true. Nobody but a real person called Dean Reed would possibly have gone to such trouble to invent this cold-war "Red Elvis" story. In a daring escape from Hollywood nonentity, Reed really did become the communist world's pet all-American dreamboat — his colourful rarity value in Brezhnev's grey concrete bloc cunningly dis-guising his intense ordinariness as an entertainer. And meanwhile he ensured that he was filmed and photographed to a degree that makes Madonna look shy and

Dean Reed had "got a life". then, albeit fulfilling the expecta-tions (low ones) of the Iron Curtain pop picker. A Czech singer in

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ingly resembling Eric Idle in make-up) said she believed Reed had been brainwashed on a visit to Moscow; but in fact his noticeable nothing-behind-the-eyes expression actually predated the trip. In the early 1960s he lived in South America and became what Nadelson called a "political junk-ie" — a godsend, therefore, to a communist world in love with America. How one's heart went out to those poor Russians, dehud-ed into thinking that Dean Reed's cover versions qualified as "rock". Such, though, is the eternal la-ment of the Russian people. "We ask for bread and they give us stones; we ask for the Stones, and

we get Dean Reed." Reggie Nadelson said she had been on the Dean Reed trail for years, and the fruits of this dedication were apparent. Last night's film was so thorough in its access to first-hand testimony (American friends, Russian fans, rock critics, Phil Everly) and evidence (film footage, old cowboy boots, tapes of phone calls) that one was actually unsurprised when a Colorado archivist, in white gloves, showed us a dentist's plaster cast of Dean Reed's teeth. Why no toenail clippings, we cried, why no authentic bottled body-sweat? Surely Reed kept a stock of it at home?

As for images of Comrade Rockstar, there appeared to be zillions. Because however much the camera loved Dean Reed, it could never be half as much as he loved it back. On a trip to Colorado in 1985 he did headstands for a home movie. He performed life-endangering, anti-Pinochet songs in Chile in 1983. but made sure the cameras were turning. In the early days of his socialist leanings he attended a peace conference in Helsinki, and a marvellous film-clip showed him sitting anonymously among the delegates, all innocent and unaware. And then, when the lens drew up close, he looked straight into it and gave a coy, bleary, knock-em-dead smile, exactly as though waking up in the arms of

This story had everything, really. If Reed had achieved no other significance in the world, he had



Rocking Russia: Dean Reed brought sound and colour into the grey Brezhnev era with his cover versions of top western hit songs

sane producer would kill for. The sheer mystery of it all! Accepting (reluctantly) that he existed, what on earth was he doing? Despite the inordinate amount of superficial record — and despite the 90 minutes of this film - there were still so many questions without

hat was his favourite colour, for example? Nadelson said she had set out with the intention of solving the case of Reed's death (by drowning) in 1986, but this whodunit theme encompassed scores of more complex whats, whys and hows.

After all, this was a cold war story, and the Iron Curtain cut both ways. If the poor schmucks of Schmockwitz were innocent of Led Zeppelin, we westerners didn't Comrade Rockstar would get to play his concerts, make his PR appearances, visit the PLO, or mount his ersatz "westerns".

How was it all organised? How was he presented to the public? Who did he answer to? Being a rock star usually involves mountains of dosh; did Reed make money? Did he ever pay royalties? Halfway through The Incredible Case of Comrade Rockstar, 1 began to wonder whether he had been pushed into the lake by an enraged western songwriter, sick of hearing his songs murdered by Dean Reed, and of not receiving a kopek in compensation.

Nadelson concluded that Reed had not been murdered, and that he had probably wanted to die. The suicide cover-up had simply been the automatic official thing to do, to protect the public from Argentina (a countess, disconcert- given it an Arena subject that any Similarly, we have no idea how a had been anything other than seriousness, as though discussing

happy-as-a-pig-in-Schmockwitz. But Reed was for once defying the sian fiction. official line by not being happy at all. He was in dire straits, as it were; because it was only a matter of time before the Russian people

started asking for, well. Dire Moreover, his fantastical reverse-escape schemes of returning to America had been publicly shot down in flames, when he gave a disastrous interview to the prestigious American news show Sixty Minutes. To sum up, then, the writing on Reed's wall said: "Yankee don't go home (because you'll be shot). But on the other hand there's not much point sticking around here either."

What was the poor country boy to do? Nadelson gave the final word to a young Russian woman student, an ex-fan, who spoke

a figure from 19th-century Rus-

She was a marvellous interview-

ee, actually; fiercely clever and completely unreadable. Did she despise Reed, or did she still love him, as she had as a child (when he had autographed the poster that hung behind her on the wall)? Reed was pure idol, she said; his personality completely subsumed in the pathetic stacks of photographs he was forever distributing to fans. But he was also a genuine hero, which was why he would have killed himself. He was a man who had willed his own life, created it out of nothing, caused it to happen; and he had organised his life "the way he could not escape it". Wow. A real modernday tragic hero, with a real moral message for us all: don't hitch a

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Screen Two: Truly Madly

Deeply (tomorrow, BBC2, 10pm) The trouble with Anthony Minghella's awards-sweeping Truly Madly Deeply is that it sets a standard of emotional truth and clarity so sublimely high that everything around it looks stale,

flat, tawdry and obvious. Truly Madly Deeply was written for television in the first place and, plausibly, may be even more affecting on the small screen than on the big one It is certainly the event of the Screen Two season thus far, with outstanding performances from Juliet Stevenson and Alan Rickman, and a singularly cathartic effect on virtually everyone who sees it. Don't bother with the proverbial box of tissues, by the way; just knot a bath towel around your neck, and turn up the volume

• J'Accuse: Laurence Olivier (Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm)

J'Accuse is that very variable slot in Channel 4's arts programme Without Walls, in which cultural icons - Virginia Woolf, the Mozart industry, Coronation Street - are publicly flayed by a commentator incensed tideally to the point of rage) by the silliness of their subject's over-inflated

reputation. So here is Russell Davies tackling a real biggy: did Laurence Olivier's legendary "technique" actually amount to acting, or was it more like showing of? Ouch "He brandished it like a kind of stylistic alibi," Davies says. "In catching the eye, he frequently disengaged the brain." I know precisely what he means. I only hope he uses Olivier's book. On Acting, as part of his case for the prosecution - an unabashed hymnal to the virtues of "getting the nose right" if ever there was one

 Roseanne (Friday, Channel 4, 10pm)
In a recent item on Did You See? American viewers were shown watching Are You Being Served? on the public TV channel. "What do you like about it?" they were asked. "I like the way the characters have a common enemy," one woman said, interestingly. In American comedy, she said, the

characters just snipe at one another all the time. Well, they certainly do in Roseanne - which returns with a new series this Friday (vippee). But on the other hand, in Roseanne you don't see the jokes lumbering towards you from 30 feet away. In the new series, daughter Becky is now 17 and on the verge of sleep-ing with the deadbeat boyfriend, Mark. Dan is running his motorcycle shop. It may not sound very much, but for Connor family fans is all too ex

Sex and the middle classes

Sir Peter Hall makes his TV

drama directing début with a Mary Wesley best-seller

liver is 19 and just back from the brutal fighting in the Spanish civil war. On a moonlit night on the eve of the second world war, he leads his four cousins in a traditional breakneck "terror run" along a treacherous coastal path in Cornwall. He is petrified of heights, but even more afraid to show it.

In Mary Wesley's The Camo-mile Lawn, a breathless novel of sex and love and the uprooting experience of war, real emotions are hidden beneath a cheery veneer. The light touch with which this is achieved was enough to convince Sir Peter Hall that this should be his début piece of drama direction for television. The glossy E3.5 million four-part series starts

on Thursday on Channel 4. That English convention of not showing your feelings, even to your nearest and dearest, doesn't mean there are no feelings," Hall says. "And that is what Mary Wesley catches so wonderfully: the turbulence under the stiff upper lip."

Hall's celluloid ventures are more rare than his work in the theatre and opera. Here he directs a cast of young actors as the cousins — Oliver, Walter, Polly. Calypso, Sophy and their friends; Virginia McKenna and Claire Bloom are among the established stars will play the characters 40 years on. Celebrating early sexual experiences and the zeal of youth. the series follows the cousins' intertwining lives and loves during the five years after the outbreak of war and their reunion in 1984 at a



Close encounter: director Sir Peter Hall and author Mary Wesley on the set of The Camomile Lawn

In wartime London houses and a sumptuous Cornish setting, the action is both racy and spirited, while lingering on moments of

conflict and despair.
"I feel passionate about classical film making," Hall says. "What I was trying to do was to compose shots out of the life of the actor, not to cut everything hysterically."

He was also determined to take on the understated, slightly selfindulgent humour that encapsulates the wit of Mary Wesley.

"A lot of the comedy relates to talking about really painful and dreadful emotional experiences in an extremely dry and underplayed way," he says. "The danger is that unless you feel the emotions it becomes a silly cliché. We rehearsed the emotional melodrama of the piece and then covered it up. In that way it becomes furnly and

The book was adapted for television by Ken Taylor, who previously dramatised The Jewel in the Crown. With selective incisions, he has produced a script so close to the original that it inevita-bly concerns itself with Wesley's other much-touted preoccupation sex. The book, according to Hall, is all about sex.

e describes it as "a very un-English celebration of the importance of sex, not in a steamy D.H. Lawrence kind of way, but bluntly saying that if you're not happy in bed you're not likely to be happy outside it. That's the wonderful trick here. Calypso has been happy in bed all her life, while the entire family thought she'd married him

[Hector Grant] for his money." Calypso, the giddy, voluptuous character at the centre of the story. is played by Jennifer Ehle when young, and by her real-life mother, Rosemary Harris, when in her fifties. Hall has used a variety of conventions to create the sense of continuity as the action moves backwards and forwards in time

There is an astonishingly freshfaced and confident interpretation of the character of Sophy, the youngest cousin, aged ten, from Hall's eight-year-old daughter Rebecca. At her age, Hall says he was experiencing the start of the war in which Sophy gets so caught up. In Wesley's version the experience was one of separations and loneliness, as well as excitement, urgen-

cy and opportunities. For Hall it was a similar blend of thrill and emptiness. "I was about to be nine when the war broke out and I remember London very vividly. I was aware of this quality of the city being closed down and of empty streets, but also of parties going on behind dark windows."
The four-part dramatisation

starts just as Hall returns from working in New York. "To me," he says, "English people have always been extremely emotional, not to say eccentric. I think they need a stiff upper lip."

KAY MARLES

Missing without cause

ride on the trans-Siberian railway

Is Billy Dunne alive or dead? A

new Channel 4 documentary joins the hunt for him

t 10am on June 22 1987. A Billy Dunne left home to drive into central Dublin to buy a birthday present for his tenyear-old son. His family has not een or heard from him since. When he disappeared Mr Dunne, an apparently successful building contractor, became one of the 180,000 people reported missing each year in the British Isles. Most of them eventually turn up safely, usually within 48 hours; few are discovered dead, usually through natural causes. But there are about 2,000 people a year whose whereabouts cannot be accounted for. Of these, 400 are middle-aged men like Mr Dunne, whose disappearance is examined in the Channel 4 documentary.

Looking For Billy (Monday, 9pm). The producer, David Bany, became interested in the fate of missing people last year after being involved in making the documentary Death of a Runaway, about a young girl who was found brutally murdered.

"The police," he explains, "divide missing people into 'vulnerables' and 'non-vulnerables', and tend to concentrate on looking for vulnerables - like juveniles, the ill and the mentally ill - and where there is a suspicion of foul play. "Few young people completely

disappear, because police resources and time are spent on looking for them. As for the non-vulnerables, particularly middle-aged men, the police — though they would deny this - simply satisfy themselves that the person hasn't committed suicide or been bump-



Hunted: Dunne, with son Peter

ed off, and tend to leave it at that." Some men disappear because of another woman, money problems or career stress. But none of these seems to apply to Mr Dunne. When he disappeared he was aged 52, married for 29 years and the father of ten children. He also left behind an ageing mother, who has since died. He was not a gambler, rarely drank, had no obvious financial problems and he took nothing with him - no extra money, not even his car.

The police were satisfied that, though his car was found parked by the river Liffey, he had not been murdered or committed suicide.

The only possible explanation his family could accept was his health. Two years before he disappeared he had suffered a stroke, which left him depressed and with his left arm temporarily paralysed. Also, around the time of his disappearance, his wife, Cora, remembers him complaining of headaches and memory lapses. "I thought he would be found

slumped in the car, that he had had another stroke," she says. Mr Batty became aware of Mr Dunne's case after using Channel 4's teletest Link-Up service to ask people who had missing, middleaged relatives to get in touch. Among the many replies was one from Mr Dunne's eldest daughter, Beatrice Connolly. "It was passionate and eloquent," he recalls. "It seemed such an extraordinary story. It also struck me that the family had pulled out every stop to find him. They were convinced he was still alive and well, which was

important."
The family's efforts to find him involved search parties of up to 300 local people combing Dublin's hotels, hospitals, pubs and stations. His picture appeared in the newspapers and on television.

Five months ago, the documentary team brought in Derek Nally, a former policeman turned private detective, to join the search. Mr Nally is convinced that sightings of Mr Dunne on Jersey in the autumn of 1989 are genuine. His view is that Mr Dunne is in hiding and has no desire to be found. For Mrs Connolly there is still

hope. "This film really is a last chance," she says. "Maybe somebody, somewhere knows where he is and will contact us. We just want to know if he's alive and well."

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writer, with a special gift for

giving convincing voice to the feelings of the battered but

unbowed, those bruised but

ever-hopeful survivors in the games of life and love. As

such, and some way into a

critically acclaimed career, he

has recently experienced un-

expected, secondary fame as a source of material for a

number of women singers.

ranging from the Grammy-

festooned Bonnie Raitt to

that princess of computerised

But his heart remains with a less lucrative brand of the

blues. That is shown by his

new role at the centre of the

so-called supergroup, Little Village. For this clutch of British dates, in support of a

newly-released album bear-

ing simply the band's collec-

tive name. Hian has gathered

around him the team respon-

sible for his 1986 solo outing.

Bring the Family: English bass-player Nick Lowe, drummer Jim Keltner and, of

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Ry Cooder: restrained

that has greeted Little Vil-

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played a touching and

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role selected by their retiring

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Fretwork can be dangerous

irca 1966, the headmaster of my school stood in front of the sixth-form pupils and delivered a nirade. Sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, he preached (though not using these particular words), were driving our morals and education down to the gates of hell.

What was I to say? I was using the woodwork class to build an electric guitar, styled to resemble an instrument designed and played by Bo Diddley. I had seen the photographs on the sleeve of an album called Go Bo Diddley. This guitar, white with a small rocket inlaid beneath the strings, thrusting in weird, neo-Futurist angles and curves, had transformed my beliefs about the way a musical instrument could look.

"I play the guitar as if I was playing a drum," is Diddley's explanation of his unique sound. The guitar shape may have changed my appreciation of form and function, but Bo's music adjusted my views on just about everything else. "You're absolutely right, headmaster," I murmured as he thundered into the final

straight of his harangue.

One of the most impressive guitarists I witnessed at that time was Steve Cropper, a rakishly thin man wearing an anachronistic greasy hairdo, a shiny suit and a Fender Telecaster guitar. As part of Booker T. and the MGs, Cropper was adding his stinging, economical fills to the singing of Otis Redding at Hammersmith Odeon.

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The greasy hair, the suit and Otis Redding have all gone, but Crop-per still recalls the lofty artistic ambitions which led him to the electric guitar. "The number one reason why the guitar has been the number one instrument," he claims, in a television documentary called Guitar Legends (BBC 2,

The electric guitar has transformed popular music in the past 40 years.

part of the blame tonight), "is because if you're good

David Toop accepts

at it you can get the girls." The electric guitar is inextricably linked to the sound of rock, the mythology of rock, even the sexual habits of rock. We know this, simply because we have been told so many times. There is, of course, a counterclaim to be made on behalf of the electric bass, and its role as the cornerstone of moral collapse and musical upheaval during the past 35 years. But only a masochist could contemplate the prospect of interviewing an hour's worth of

bass players.

Everybody loves to hear about guitars, or so guitarists believe.
"No matter what you play on the guitar it sounds great," says Les Paul in Guitar Legends. Here speaks a man who had his right arm permanently re-set in a guitar playing position after a car accident. He more or less invented the thing, so we can excuse his selective deafness. For the non-partisan remainder of humanity, the guitar

is not so unimpeachable.

If a Martian fell to earth and requested a definition of the electric guitar, the simplest response would be that it is a bit of old wood, lashed with wire, with which we express our innermost feelings as loudly as possible. One undeniable fact about the electric guitar is that it introduced noise to popular music.

Some of the earliest rock soloists -Link Wray, Paul Burlison or Bo Diddley — grasped that option with flying plectrums. Valves hummed and exploded, speaker cones shartered and strings snapped in the pursuit of

At the first club gig I ever attended, a guitarist named Eddie Philips from the Creation attacked his guitar with a violin bow. This was more shocking than anything that Nigel Kennedy has since perpetrated and certainly more influential. Following close behind the revelation of the violin bow. I saw Jimi Hendrix using his guitar to push a tower of amplifiers out of a pub window. Then I saw various famous musicians smashing and burning their instruments and a blues guitarist named Earl Hooker playing with his teeth. Now that's what I call music.

taking a personal claim within this tradition. covered the strings of a Fender Esquire in electricians' crocodile clips and played it with a jagged hunk of timber, during a Radio 3 broadcast presided over by the late George Mac-Beth. This could have been a reaction against the prevailing trend of the early Seventies, as guitarists lost their minds to the execution of rapid scales. Yet did it also touch upon another, more

sinister aspect of guitar mythology?

Guitar Legends is a documentary packed full of men. Some are bald and fat. Others wear leather jackets and ripped jeans. Most of them discuss guitars in the un-healthy, fixated way they may once have used to discuss women.

Men worship electric guitars. They love to own them, collect them, decorate them, talk about them to the point of distraction.



Archetype: Bo Diddley, playing one of his famously idiosyncratic guitars, in the mid-1980s

buff and polish them, lock them in metal cases, abuse them and assault them with foreign objects. This sort of behaviour is actually rather odd. As one musician points out, nobody gives names to their synthesizers. Guitarists not only name their guitars; some have been known to sleep with them. George Harrison once owned one that gently wept, or so it was said.

"You don't have to feed it much," jokes B.B. King. There is something of a devil's contract in all this. Guitars also appeal to the male drive for hierarchies and compulsive order. A recent issue of Rolling Stone magazine was emblazoned

with the headline: "Jimi Hendrix - the greatest guitarist of all time." Such fatuousness is hard to comprehend unless you subscribe to the notion that music is like motor racing without a finishing line.

Holding up the disjointed, flashy music of guitarists such as Steve Vai and Joe Satriani as the brave new future of the electric guitar, Guitar Legends never quite si-lences a background chorus of doubt. Surely the electric guitar has passed its peak. Unless women decide, en masse, to subvert the masculine definitions of guitar playing, what hope can there be for the instrument? This is the age of

electronics rather than electricity. Guitarists are a defensive, stub-born lot, however. A recent cover of New Musical Express showed the inoffensive synthesizer duo from Leeds, LFO, smashing an acoustic guitar. Readers se: their jaws and put pens to paper. "We don't need these wretched bands who have no musical talent," wrote Ted from Rutland. "Their burning and trashing guitars just sums up how stupid these people are." Had he lived, Hendrix would have been most amused to hear that.

Guitar Legends 15 broadcast on

BBC 2 tonight at 10.30pm

On the 200th anniversary of Rossini's birth, John Higgins reviews the latest productions of the composer's work, on stage and on disc

Minx: Rosina (Eirian James) in The Barber of Seville

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able translation of Barber begins with a few characters not normally found in Rossini. Pantalone leads on his players: Harle-quin, Colombine and even a bemused old bear. They roll up again at the close, when the bear executes a few sham-bling steps. What happens in between in Jonathan Miller's 1987 production, now restaged by John Abulafia, is also knockabout stuff. There are one or two good jokes, but too many that are mere pratfalls. Farce was never Dr

Miller's forte.
The cast, all new to the Coliseum Barber, dutifully go along with the custard-pie approach and they all articu-

ur opera houses are showing little excite-

tenary of Rossini's birth today, although Covent Garden is doing a little cele-brating later in the season

with Tell and a first London

staging of II viaggio a Reims.

The devotion of the record

companies is considerably better, especially on the recit-

The young mezzo Cecilia Bartoli, whose personality

and good looks have already

sprung her into the glossies

and onto television, has come to the fore at just the right

moment. Decca has put to-

gether a clever selection of

showpiece arias written for Isabella Colbran, described

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Holdens, Amanda and Anthony. But only one understands the true art of timing and comedy, and this is Andrew Shore as Dr Bartolo. Here he seems also to be a doctor of chemistry, as his test tubes fizz and fume during the lengthy aria "A un dottor", or "To an eminent physician", as it becomes Shore handles with equal

skill words, chemicals and music. The last named is not easy, and Rossini was forced to compose another and simpler alternative aria. Shore rumbles around the stage with many a querulous aside.

OPERA The Barber of Seville Coliseum

most of them to himself, and this rich characterisation is what makes the evening worth the price of admission.

The rest is too routine, played and sung on an un-comfortably superficial level. Michael Lewis tries very hard to bring the house down with "Largo al factotum", but the rafters remain intact. His toothy Figaro has its moments, notably when the bar-

plans to marry Rosina. Eirian James makes that ward a bit of a blonde minx, too knowing to have spent so much of her life locked up by Bartolo. Her mezzo has a nice dusky hue to it at the bottom of the register but is apt to harden at the top.

From the start Jonathan Miller's concept made it difficult to produce a credible Almaviva — or perhaps it was because no credible Almaviva was around that he turned to commedia dell'arte. Patrick Power originally made him a whey-faced lover. Peter Bronder now offers a plump, almost porky Almaviva un-

Kalashnikov quality. By contrast Richard Angas's Basilio needs more vocal focus and more suggestion that the man is a hypocrite first and a teacher Jacek Kaspszyk in his house

The scene as the disguised

music master goes well

enough, but the voice lacks

tenor sweetness and the deliv-

ery too often has a staccato.

debut was too noisy a conductor, allowing excessive fairground sounds from his brass and percussion. Rossini, a fastidious man, would prob-ably have liked a less coarse celebration of his birthday

where the whole Rossi-

Britain was concerned - in the hands of Vittorio Gui.

Back in the early Fifties the

Italian conductor introduced

us first to La Cenerentola.

pick himself. Juan Oncina,

suavest of tenors despite one

or two suspect high notes, was

the cornerstone. Sari Barabas

was a non-pareil Countess

Adèle in Ony. Marina de

Gabarain a little less success-

ful in the title role of Cenerentola. When the turn

came of the Barbiere, Luigi

Alva took over and Victoria de

hero in the evening's proceedings. Sighs of relief accompanied each tasteful foray up and down the neck of his Fender sung by Ernesto Palacio, who guitar, and howls of approbation greeted the ever-boyish makes it clear that the Rossini player's vocally ragged but hallmark was there from the otherwise gloriously assured start, a point that is expertly underlined by Rizzi himself. romp through the set's one concession to his own back catalogue, the always-enjoy-

rom Glyndebourne comes a reminder of able "Little Sister". But with Keltner all but obscured by his dark glasses ni revival began as far as and drum kit, and the silverhaired Lowe adopting the cheesy, thankless role of MC, this was inevitably Hiatt's evening. All four players may have had a hand in writing then to Le Comte Ory, with casts he was careful to hand-Little Village's material, but its best moments - a wonderful "Big Love" or the clumsily titled, but otherwise adroit "Don't Think About Her When You're Trying To Drive" - succeed because of the singer-songwriter's own

particular gift. Elsewhere, and throughout what was unavoidably most of the performance, one struggled to avoid the conclusion that rarely can such ordinary songs have been performed with the grace and finesse brought to them by these four richly-talented

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One of the best pieces in a thoroughly satisfying disc is an aria from a little known cantata Le nozze di Teti e di Peleo, which was to become a number (almost always cut) for Almaviva in the Barbiere before ending up as the closing scene of Cenerentola. Without Samuel Ramey to hand it is doubtful whether some of the revivals of Rossini's serious operas in our time would have got off the ground. Ramey, too, turns to Semiramide and the majestic aria for Assur, a "mad scene" which for once is allotted to a bass rather than a soprano. Otherwise he draws mainly from the comic repertoire, starting off with Lord Sidney's extended scena from Viaggio. A pity he is not here to sing the role at Covent



Rossini: well served

Garden in the summer. Ion Marin and Gabriele Ferro provide excellent orchestral backing for Bartoli and Ramey respectively. Thomas Hampson contents

himself with a piano for his Rossini songs. But there are few better hands to be in than those of Geoffrey Parsons. Hampson's chosen territory is mainly late Rossini and includes some of the songs he wrote for Olympe Pelissier, the woman who replaced Isabella Colbran in his life. But the comic items include the almost noisome "Chanson du Bebe", sung by an infant in instant need of nappy attention. Meyerbeer

Carlo Rizzi, the best of the young generation of Rossini conductors, concerns himself with rather more serious matters and some of the compos-er's earliest arias which only now see the light of day again. Three of them Rizzi has edited himself. All are neatly

los Angeles replaced Glynde-bourne's Rosina. The result remains one of the best available versions of the opera. All three are out on CD this month, a testament to the power of the ensemble - and

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Once proud to be humble, cheap and copious, today's bistro

is likely to be quite the reverse, Jonathan Meades says

he etymology of the word bistro (or bistrot) is buried at the bottom of an undarified stock. It may derive from a word which signified a dance hall, or from another which was a Russian exhortation to speed (of service). Again it may come from a term that means brown going on black, in which case a bistro is as specific a type as the brown bars of Amsterdam. Or was such a specific type. Today's Paris bistro is no more likely to conform than is its London ape.

Oh, the pity! There are areas of life where extreme moderates long for consensus. The bistro(t) is one. Humble, ancient, cheap, copious, undiscovered by Sir Terence Conran. You should be so lucky. Today's bistro is just a genre of high(ish) class restaurant where the absence of trappings may or may not be reflected in the cost. Any outfit connected with a dance hall/disco/freeform rap or acid house party (if they still have those) is, mercifully, outside this col-umn's bounds. Speed — the tem-poral quality rather than the amphetamine—is taken care of by the fast food industry. But brown

restaurants aren't. La Bouchée is cheapish. Because it's in South Kensington and near to the Lycee, near to the French Institute and not that far from the French embassy, it's got bistro cred. Further, the menus on the window are in the looping, conformist hand that has graced immemorial panes all over France, but especially those close to the grand termini in Paris (avoid). Inside it's all parchment colour walls and wood tables and amnesia about just how awful it was the last time you stepped into such a joint near the Gare de L'Est. The cooking is authentically cruddy. I should say at this point that French people eat here, which proves that an Indian or Chinese restaurant full of Indians and Chinese is not necessarily any good. The idea that nationality and palate are linked is a banal

This joint offers pig's trotter, pot au feu. These are not common-place items. But then hope's balloon is punctured with a threeinch nail. The trotter looks like something dredged from Dennis Nilsen's drains. It was at least visually arresting. Pot au feu comprised undercooked vegeta-

bles with two slices of tough beef in a broth whose flavour was, exclusively, that of cloves. Cheese: indifferent. Pear tart well, let us say, mature. Oysters are untouched by the kitchen and just the ticker. Snails in garlic butter were OK. The service is confused; speed is not among its more obvious attributes. The set menus begin at under £5 - so it's hardly astonishing that the place is packed. I have, however, eaten better (and cheaper) in French student can-

Les Associés is a very different k of f, though its external appearance — a gaudy legend above a Texas or MFI frontage — promises little, and its site — the lower slopes of Muswell Hill — not much more. And the interior? Your average design-conscious telly person would sooner be anywhere but. By chance I had two such creatures in tow. Ms Anita Lowenstein stated, emphatically, that she had never previously been to Crouch End, implied that she had never heard of it, suggested that she was sort of sullied by being dragged to this northern post of savagery: she is a native of Swiss Cottage. Mr David Turnbull, who manages to produce and direct such iffy items as A B-Road in Britain (Fotherington-Thomas witters on about pretty hedgerow flowers) and A Broad in Britain (transvestite tart meets lorry drivers — that one), gleefully pointed out that Dennis Nilsen had lived nearby and that we should, thus, watch

out when eating meat.

Mr Turnbull then got hold of the wine list: I should explain that this oenophiliac creature only does telly when there is no wine auction to attend, no Yapp catalogue to read, no bottle to be tried for year/ fruit/tannin/nose. Yet he and his friend Jules Lagrange, the legend-ary former salad critic of Sud-Ouest, get an awful lot of work done. Grape-help? Doubtless. This wine list, which I briefly glanced at, is posh for a bistro. It's authentically French in that it's all French, ill chosen, avariciously

marked up.
Otherwise this is a rather good restaurant of its kind. Its conservatism is definitely French: it conserves the practice of using raspberry vinegar where a hipper, trendier British kitchen would use balsamic. The salad thus dressed



included foie gras and (slightly overcooked) duck meat. Avocado and prawns are given a spot of spin: the fruit is diced and well dressed with lemon and olive oil, the prawns are lightly bound with an unidentifiable mayo-like liaison, the whole is presented like Archimbaldo's idea of a pineapple. Scallops are served sliced with a well made orange sauce. Bistro cooking? Not exactly — but every-thing so far was better than it might sound. Fancy was apparent

but flavour was never neglected. Main courses: duck confit is served with a grenadine sauce. All I know about grenadine is that I hate its bitterness, associate it with the gentian infused Suze which, in turn, I associate with fascistic pieds noirs (see Alistair Horne's A Savage War of Peace. Or don't see, since that magisterial historian never mentions the drink they drank) Grenadine comes from omegranate, and according to Mr Turnbull - now on his eighth bottle of Chateau La Blague '85 — doesn't go with confit/corned duck: "Well wrong Jon," he said, lifting his head.

The confit itself is spot on. properly fat, properly brown outside. The others at the table ate beef rib - done only for two. I thought this really good: beety beef, chewy going on tough, fab jus etc. Pretty close to high grade home cooking. The veg with it

included a stiff "individual" quoit of gratin potatoes and a pointless micro dish of eggy elevated puree (carrot and turnip?) plus bits of courgettes and cauliflowers on a separate plate. The cheeses include a properly smelly Munster. The sweets include a St Emilion au chocolat, a tarte tatin and a nougat glace.

56 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-589 1919) Lunch and dinner every day, £60. Set bunch and dinner, £20.

172 Park Road, London NS (081-348 8944) Lunch Wed to Fri, dinner Tues to Sat.

- up to a maximum of ten — are awarded for cooking and although they are intended to reflect value for money they are not determined by this consideration alone certain very costly restaurants are very good, certain very cheap ones are, too. All prices given are approximate — they are for a three-course meal for two, including modest wine and an aperitif. Dishes are mentioned only as an indication of the repertoire. Never be afraid to complain. Phone first, it is not only discourteous but illegal to dishonour bookings; that goes for restaurants as well as customers. J.M.

ITALIAN

169 Church Road, Barnes, London SW13 (081-748 0434) An unmitigated delight very good Italian cooking at reasonable prices. Flavours are pungent and the accent is rustic, but there is nothing coarse about it. Bruschetta avoids the usual cliches; eel is done with edible polenta and a did tomato, olive and caper sauce; skate is served with butter beans and a wine reduction; pappardelle are sauced with dried untilet roe, saffron and scallops; squid ink risotto is exemplary; the vegetables are first rate — cold spinach with olive oil, potatoes roasted with gartic, braised fennel. Attentive and friendly service, decent wines at decent prices. £55 plus. Lunch Sun-Fri,

116 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-225 3512)
Neo-Festival of Britain design, similarly modish cooking. The kitchen has lots of ideas, but too many of them fail to come off. Cotechino with lentils is OK, and so is polenta with mince although it looks nasty. Italian wines at reasonable prices, £58. Lunch and

Osteria Antica Bologna

3 Northcote Road, London
SWII [071-978 4771] serves a number of rare (and inexpensive) wines from such regions as Calabria and Emilia-Romagna, and a long, varied menu of recordine dishest lamb cooked in milk, goat stewed with tomato, sardines with raisins and pine nuts, pumpkin fried with mint. Despite the place's name, most of these dishes are of southern inspiration. £40 plus. Lunch every day, dinner Mon-Sat.

Plezeria Condotti
2 4 Mill Street, London W1 (071499 1308)

Busding smart place hung with indifferent 1970s prints. Well-made pizza.

Drink Peroni beer or champagne, there's little between to bother with. With the latter £45. Lunch and dinner

160 Eversholt Street, London NW1 (071-388 7482) Tiny black and white Italian place in the wasteland north of Euston. The the wasteand north of Eustin. The cooking has its ups and downs but the simpler dishes are worth trying. E50. Lunch Mon-Fri, dinner Mon-Sat.

6 27 Wellington Street, London WC2 (071-240 5269)
Fashionable basement done out to look like Milan or Turin of the early 1950s. like Milan or Turin of the early 1950s. Among the top Italian places in London. Most dishes are of Fiedmontese or Lombardian provenance: sweethreads with shallots, chicken with olives and tomatoes. It successfully combines rusticity with refinement. The attention to detail is great. Service is by male models. Interestingly emerprising Italian wines. 660 plus. Lunch and dinner

CHINESE

217 Willesden High Road, London NW10 (081-459 2297) This was the first Pekinese restaurant in Europe, founded by a sometime chef from the Chinese embassy in Portland Place. The decor seems in have re-mained unchanged since the early 1960s, when it must already have looked pretty old hat. The cooking is good. The menu - dumplings, crispy duck, beef with black bean sauce - is now pretty much standard. 140. Lunch Sat and Sun. Dinner Tues-Sun.

Cheng Du
9 Parkway, London NW1 (071485 8058)

Modern, westernised Pekinese place in the centre of Camden Town. The service is well intentioned and so is the cooking, but nothing save sea bass with soy and ginger seems to be out of the ordinary — that dish however is very good indeed. 660. Lunch and dinner

451 Edgware Road, London W2 (071-402 0904/0983) The menu is gratingly pretentious, the vaguely 1930s sci-fi design suggests more style than content. But the cooking is accomplished in an occidentalised way — this is modern Chinese cooking as pioneered at the

Zen restaurants. Crispy duck is a superior quacker, Peking raviolis are excellent, there's a novel and interest-ing dish of mixed fish in ginger and wine, the black bean sauce is as good as you'll find. However, some signs of negligence are also in evidence - for instance, very burnt noodles. The service is efficient, if off-hand. [40. Lunch and dinner Mon-Sat.

Mr Chow 151 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-589 7347/8656)

(071-589 7347/8656)
A period piece. This was the first "upmarket" Chinese restaurant and to some extent apes the trattorie of its period, the late 1960s. The food is merely a step up from a provincial chop suey house of the early 1960s. The place no longer pulls beautiful people, but relies upon ignorant Knightsbridge hotel guests who don't know that they could est four times as well for a quarter. could eat four times as well for a quarter the price in Soho. The prices are daring: £84. Lunch and dinner every

6 Wellington Terrace, London W2 (071-229 3553)

Europeanised Chinese cooking. Three sorts of veal, half a dozen eel dishes. Off-the-peg sino-tasteful interior. The kitchen's ideas are better than its results, but given that the former are grand and off the latter are OK. 547. Lunch and dinner every day.

KIND FOOD: ALISON JOHNSON

No more pigging it in the sty

hings are getting better for Britain's pigs. And about time, too. During the 1970s and 1980s, virtually all pork and bacon sold here, with the exception of some small-scale production at the top of the quality and price range, came from systems that were cruelly intensive.

The most efficient way of turning pigs into cheap meat is to keep them indoors and as near as possible immobile, so that they don't use up food exercising or keeping warm; on concrete or slats, without bedding; topped up with drugs to

prevent disease.

That is what the pig industry did, and to a large extent still does. But there are hopeful signs. Last year the government announced the phasing out of the infamous tie-stall for preg-nant sows, in which breeding sows spend about 40 weeks a year unable to turn, standing on a grating. This change could mean that the writing is on the wall for other cruelties, such as the farrowing pen, in which the sow is pinned during birth and lactation so that she can't squash the piglets, and so that they have constant access to her nipples.

Forward-looking pig farmers are turning to alternative systems. where sows are loose housed, and porkers reared on straw instead of concrete. I saw such a system on Cranswick Mills farms in Yorkshire. Breed-ing animals are outdoors, able to socialise, and each has a straw-

filled house in which to farrow.

After weaning, piglets are reared on in airy barns. Automated feeding stations and plen-ty of straw bales to dismantle ensure aggression is not a prob-lem, so these porkers do not suffer the often-perpetrated mu-tilations of tail-docking, tooth pulling and castration. If they do get bored and turn to vandalism, stress bails - red, rattling footballs - are chucked in for them to play with. At no stage are growth promoters or routine

Cranswick Mills is delighted with the efficiency of its "welfare" pig production, which though kind to pigs is not unkind to pig farmers. Its standards, though exacting, are achievable by mass producers, albeit at a somewhat higher price to the consumer. However, if a demand grows for kinder



igmeat in what are known as "value added" products — pies, paté, etc — this would narrow the present price differential. At the moment, only the best cuts can command a premium price.

On the subject of price, I was horrified to learn that, in a survey of shoppers, many who claimed to be concerned about welfare had bought Dutch or Danish pig products — conveniently cheaper — "believing" that these were more humane than British, and that the recent British bill to phase out tie-stalls for sows was merely intended to bring us up to the European mark. Not at all: Britain is way

ahead on pig welfare.
Welfare-conscious farmers and buyers from The Netherlands Denmark and Germany are coming to the UK to see how we do things. Indeed, after a poor year for pigs on the Continent in 1991, they are beginning to want to buy British pork, whereas formerly interest was limited to buying live young pigs to be finished abroad. If it took off this trade would

be very beneficial, since developing the technology and profit-able markets necessary for a meat trade with Europe is vital to cut down on the dreadful business of live animal transport. Perhaps Brits abroad could start demanding British crackling pork, rather than Watney's Red Barrel.

The farms I saw supply Sainsbury's with pork for its Tenderlean range and Butcher's Choice sausages. British rindless back and streaky bacon from carving thinly. Deglaze tin with this high-welfare system will remaining wine for gravy.

begin to appear in Sainsbury's

stores shortly.

Most of the other supermarkets offer similar "welfare" pig meat, under a confusing array of labels: Asda has Conservation Grade, Tesco Nature's Choice, Waitrose Traditional English. Safeway plans to launch a range "very soon". At Marks & Spen-cer all pork, including what goes into made-up dishes, is of this high-welfare standard, but not its bacon or sausages, except for those labelled "free range", which are proving popular.

tuffed fillet of pork (serves 4) 350g pork fillet or escalope 100g white breadcrumbs juice/grated rind of ! lemon i tsp each of dried thyme and marjoram 1 thep chopped fresh parsley

50g melted butter

8 stoned prunes

100g bacon email glass white wine If using fillet, slit lengthways and flatten. Mix crumbs, lemon, herbs, butter. Spread down mid-dle of fillet or over half escalopes.

Tuck primes in stuffing; use thread or toothpicks to secure meat around it. Lay on a buttered roasting in, cover with bacon, then with greaseproof paper. Pour two tablespoons of wine into tin Bake at 160C for wine into tin. Bake at 160C for 40 minutes (remove paper and baste after 30 minutes). Allow to stand for five minutes before

How to survive the 40 days

If giving up alcohol is your sacrifice for Lent, here are some alternative

cheering cocktails

f you wash down your pan-cakes next Tuesday with a final glass of chablis and vow days and nights, the chances are that sooner or later you will hit the social drinker's equivalent of "the wall", that point of fatigue through which, like marathon runners, you either charge trium-phant or throw in the towel. The problem usually comes a

week or so into Lent on a Saturday night out with friends, when that smug sense of inner cleansing gives way to utter boredom as you face your third mineral water.

The good news is that just as leading chefs such as Anton Mosimanne have come to the rescue of deleated dieters by showing that healthy food can still look tempting and taste delicious, barmen, recognising a trend towards lighter drinking, are shaking up some delicious nonshaking up some delicious non-alcoholic cockrails designed to pep up flagging taste buds.

At the Dorchester hotel,

Giuliano Morandin, the bar manager, was delighted to reveal some of his favourite recipes. He and his team whip up all kinds of non-alcoholic concoctions, using fresh fruits in various consistencies. "Some are shaken, some blended, and we might add yoghut or cream. If people want a particular flavour we are happy to mix flavour we are happy to mix sometime, special," he says.

"Mineral water or straight fruit juice can be very boring, but these drinks look pretty and taste exciting."

Part of the attraction of such drinks is undoubtedly the fact that, like real cocktails, they have names which make them instantly sound more fun. Take, for example, Mr Morandin's Pink Lion: one 170ml bottle of ginger beer, a good dash of strawberry syrup (sirop de fraise), and the juice of one lime, mixed with ice in a tall glass and decorated with a strawberry and a sprig of mint Another favourite is the deli-

ciously simple -Mango Crush, made in a double Martini glass' from the juice of half a mango and two limes mixed with crushed ice and decorated with a slice of mango and an edible flower.



Join the shakers: bar manager Giuliano Morandin mixing a "virgin" cocktail at the Dorchester

For those who prefer something beefier there is the Tropical: three-quarters of a highball glass of fresh quarters of a highball glass of fresh milk (use low fat if you like), topped up with a dash each of green mint syrup and a French almondflavoured syrup called strop d'Orgeat, decorated with a cherry soaked in mint syrup, and topped with a sprig of fresh mint.

Mr Morandin eye there is a

Mr Morandin says there is a trend at the moment towards virgin" cocktails, such as the colada — the classic pineapple and coconut cream with crushed ice, but no rum — or the frozen daiquiri, particularly when made with strawberry and fresh lime. which produces a really sharp. refreshing drink.

Mr Morandin thinks the number one alcohol-free cockial is still the Virgin Mary: spicy tomato juice with no vodka. The Dorchester version is so entertaining you would scarcely notice the absence of alcohol anyway, with its relery sait, pepper, tabasco and Worcestershire sauce, lime juice and (the big secret) tarragon and thyme

"Some people put in horserad-

ish, but I think that makes the drink too pale," Mr Morandin says dismissively.

In the cocktail bar at Stringfellows nightclub the staff have also noticed that "virgin" cocktails are a hit among nondrinkers, and they agree that the name is all important - people like to be heard ordering a Virgin Mary, rather than a tomato juice with Worcestershire sauce.

At the Ritz, which is ever mindful of what's in a name, the staff will rustle up a refreshing little something called a Red Sombirero: one part each of trash orange intereach of fresh orange juice, lime cordial, strawberry syrup and grenadine, blended with ice and poured into a long tulip glass, decorated with a strawberry and the pièce de résistance, a white edible flower.

Cool Passion is a mix of one part each of fresh lemon juice, mango juice, passion fruit juice and strawberry syrup, shaken with half an egg white and ice, poured into a 10oz glass and topped up with lemonade. The tempting creation

is completed with a garnish of one slice of orange and two leaves of fresh mint.

Another variation at the Ritz is Summer Dream, in which passion fruit juice is shaken in equal parts with fresh peach juice, lemon juice, peppermint syrup (sirop de menthe). a sweet cordial called Gomme, half an egg white and ice. This is topped with soda water and then served in a Paris goblet with one slice of lemon, a slice of lime

and a cherry.

Even in that bar of all bars, the world famous Harry's Bar in Venice, where the Martinis are legendary and the Bellini (rosy peach puree and Prosecco wine) was born, concessions are being made to the drinker who refrains from alcohol.

Conjure up a dream of balmy Venetian nights with the bar's Ski Wasser: one part fresh lemon juice to two parts fresh strawberry juice and a teaspoon of sugar mixed with ice and topped up with soda water. Sip slowly ... and you'll cruise through Lent.

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DIANA LEADBETTER

Flip a pancake for Fat Tuesday

second in mall, good served to a served on mall, good served to a ren, my mother would make pancakes for tea on Shrove Tuesday, which my brother and I would sprinkle with lemon juice and sugar, roll up and eat as fast as she could make them.

As I got older, tastes became more sophisticated. As a student at Freiburg university in the spring term, I learnt how to make the most economical use of the expensive, fat white stalks of asparagus. Wrapped first in a slice of ham. then in a pancake, blanketed with a cheese sauce and baked under the grill, this was eaten right through the Spargelfest.

These are forbidden treats for my friend Sandra and others like her who suffer from coeliac disease and must avoid wheat-based prod-ucts. Among my pancake recipes today I have included some that they can enjoy, made with rice flour and other gluten-free flours, which include cornflour (made from maize) and potato flour.

Buckwheat flour, available in wholefood shops (and in French supermarkets as blé de sarrasin or Saracen wheat), is milled from a crop that grows readily in exposed conditions. In Brittany crepes are generally made from wheat flour and galettes from buckwheat flour. Crepes are often, but not exclusively, served with sweet fillings, and galettes with savoury fillings — ham, cheese, sausage, vegetables (such as artichoke hearts, asparagus, spinach, mush-

rooms, onions) and shellfish. Savoury pancakes are extremely good with smoked fish, salmon, trout, or poached and drained smoked haddock. The classic combination is, of course, buckwheat blini and caviare. Smoked cod's roe is also worth trying.

All these accompaniments are excellent with potato pancakes, which can be made with potato flour, or by grating and soaking peeled potatoes in water until all the starch has leached out. The starch is then mixed with eggs and, for texture, some of the grated potato if you like.

Mixing pancake batter is relatively easy. Achieving a smooth, non-stick pancake first time is not. I usually plan for the first two at least to go into the waste bin. It's not a question of having the pan as hot as possible; the pan must be at the right heat. Too hot and the batter will set before it has had time to spread. Not hot enough and it will probably stick or be



wrists and

pancakes says Frances Bissell

The Times cook

heavy in texture. I find a wellseasoned, cast-iron crepe pan. which I bought in France many vears ago, is the best implement for the job, but it does require a strong wrist. Ideally, it should be used only for crepes and never washed, but lightly oiled before

putting away.
Fat Tuesday is all about using up rich, luxurious ingredients before Lent. Bring out the eggs. cream and butter and start flexing

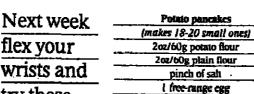
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	Buckwheat galettes
	(serves 6-8)
	5/b/230g buckwheat flour
	1 free-range egg

Ithsp grapeseed oil lo fl oz/455ml warm water Heap the flour into a bowl. Make a well in the middle and put in the egg, salt and oil. Gradually stir in the water until you have a smooth paste. Beat vigorously for a few minutes, and then allow the batter to stand for an hour. This resting

and the temperature of the water, helps the flour to swell, which produces the correct texture for the Heat the pan, and rub all over with kitchen paper dipped in grapeseed or other neutral oil. Stir the batter and pour on just enough to coat the pan all over. When the surface is dry, turn with a spatula (or a flick of the wrist) and cook the other side. Flip on to a warm plate. spoon on the chosen filling, fold and serve. Grease the pan between

time, together with the beating

Another way of serving these is in the style of the old-fashioned quire of pancakes; thin pancakes sandwiched with filling, piled one on top of the other, and then cut into wedges like a cake. Sandwich with layers of different smoked fish pâtés or pastes for an excellent brunch, lunch or supper dish.



3pt/280ml water or milk 30z/85g grated potato (optional) Sift the flours and salt together,

add the egg, lightly beaten, and gradually beat in the liquid until smooth. Stir in the potato, if using it. Have the griddle or pan hot and greased, and spoon on the batter, a tablespoon at a time. The pan may be large enough to cook three or four at a time. When the surface is set, turn and cook the other side. Grease the pan between each cooking. These small pancakes are very good spread with a cream, made by folding grated horseradish into whipped cream or fromage blanc, and topped with a piece of smoked trout.

Pikelets, crumpets and blini are all made from a thick batter, often raised with yeast, and poured into rings and placed on the hot greased griddle or in small blini pans, instead of letting the batter spread over the flying pan. To make a very passable version of blini use half buckwheat flour in the following recipe, add a little more liquid, and make slightly thinner pancakes.

Crumpets
(serves 4)
I tsp dried yeast
4pt/430ml water
pinch of salt
scant tsp salt
10oz/280g plain flour
pinch of sugar

Sprinkle the yeast on 2pt/280ml warm water and add the sugar. When the yeast is bubbling, stir in the flour and salt and mix until you have a smooth, soft dough or firm batter. Cover with a damp cloth and leave to rise in a warm draught-free place for an hour or so. Warm the rest of the water and stir it into the mixture until you have a looser batter. Cover and let it prove for ten to 15 minutes more. Have the griddle hot and greased, with the crumpet rings in place. Pour in the batter to half fill the rings. Cook until holes appear on the top, the surface is dry and the underside nicely browned. Remove and keep them warm in a

cloth-lined basket until you have

cooked the rest of the crumpets. These are best served hot and freshly made, although they can be toasted the next day.

Scotch parcakes, or griddle cakes, can also be the basis of a version of blini. Using baking powder instead of yeast they are much quicker to prepare. Again, replace some of the plain flour with buckwheat flour, and leave out the sugar.

Scotch pancakes
(makes about 18)
≥lb/230g plain flour
Itbsp baking powder
pinch of salt
80z/280ml milk
I free-range 16g

2tosp caster sugar Sift the dry ingredients into a bowl and stir in the liquids. Beat until you have a thick batter of a

dropping consistency. Have the

griddle, or pan, hot and greased.

2tbsp melted butter

Spoon the mixture on to the surface, a tablespoon or a soupspoon at a time, cooking three to four pancakes at once. When the underside is smoothly brown, and

the top surface dry and bubbled, turn and cook on the other side. Finally, a milk-free gluten-free pancake that will take the traditional Shrove Tuesday treatment but can also be turned into a glorious dinner finale, the inspiration for which comes from various sources, including the tropical pina colada and the classic crepes

> Georgette. I also add rum to the batter to lighten it and use coconut milk for the liquid. The flour is a mixture of potato flour and rice flour, both of them very fine and highly absorbent. Letting the mixture stand for a while seems to produce a less raggy pancake. You can buy coconut milk in tins from oriental food shops and larger branches of

some of the supermarket chains.

Do not shake the tin. Open it

carefully, and scoop off the thick

"cream", which will have separated from the thinner liquid or milk Use the cream as a pancake filling and the milk in the batter.

Rice and encount pancile (makes 6) 202/60g potato fluur 2 1202/70g rice flour

8ff oz/230ml excount milk I free-range egg or 2 free-range 2tbsp rum

up to \$ fl oz/230ml water

Beat all the ingredients together except the water. When the batter is smooth, add half the water and then as much more as you need to obtain the consistency of single cream. Allow to stand for 15-20 minutes while you heat the pan, or griddle, which should be greased between each pancake. Stir the batter again before using and pour a thin layer into the nan. Cook in the usual way. Serve folded with lemon juice and sugar to turn into the following:

ULTIYORK'S

Cocount cream and pineapple crèpes

I small fresh sweet pineapple tion/ 170g thick commut cream icing sugar

Peel and chop the pineapple, squeezing and reserving the juice from the end pieces and keeping one slice of pineapple for garnish Mix the pineapple and coconut cream, adding a little icing sugar if necessary. Brush the crepes all over with pineapple juice. Divide the filling among them, roll up and place in a buttered oven-proof dish. Brush over with any remaining pineapple juice. Cut the pineapple slice into wedges and arrange over the crepes. Dust with icing sugar and cook in the top of a hot oven for 10-15 minutes, finishing off under the grill if necessary to lightly caramelise the top. The crepes can also be stacked

as described in the first recipe. Next week: A taste of Southeast As

Wines with a heart of oak

Jane MacQuitty discovers the class in Spain's underrated tempranillo grape, which goes into most riojas

aving just tasted more than 100 dif-ferent tempranillo and tempranillo-based red Spanish wines, I know this is a great grape variety. It may lack the classic blackcurrant and cigar-box quality of Bordeaux's austere cabernet sauvignons and the seductive. plummy fruit of Burgundy's pinot noirs, but a top-notch Spanish tempranillo is, none the less, one of the world's

finest red wines. Tempranillo's big problem is that, much like the zinfandel of California, it is seldom treated like a great grape. It seldom fulfils its true potential because only rarely do Spanish wine makers give it

the opportunity to do so. The purest tempranillos of Spain smack a little of the oualities of first-class burgundy and bordeaux. "If it smells like mature burgundy but tastes like mature claret' is still the quickest "insider" method of correctly identifying rioja at blind tastings. And although northern Spain's Rioja region is only splanted with 40 per cent of this variety, the best riojas contain at least 50 per cent tempranillo.

When young, top tempranillos have an impressive, deep purple colour, an appealing but not especially assertive plum, sometimes black cherry scent and taste: and a powerful, almost inky complexity. Together these qualities denote class.

Older tempranillos take on a gamey, truffle-like characteristic, and those from Rioja sometimes have chocolatey or Bovril-like overtones. Tobacco and sandalwood scents are also common in tempranillohased, aged riojas.

This is rather more to do with their lengthy stint in oak barrels - and almost as long in the bottle - than with the grape's character.

Spanish specialists also pick out the scent of strawberries and the taste of prunes in

mature tempranillo wines; fruit flavours often associated with good burgundy.
Rioja confuses the tempra-

nillo issue because its hefty oak treatment, reeking of vanilla and spice, obscures the grape's true character. So, too, does its blend with other grapes, including garnacha, mazuelo and graciano. Excessive ageing and perhaps even the lacklus tre quality of the garnacha and mazuelo grape is the cause of old, leathery riojas, not the fault or effect of the tempranillo.

Given the shining, star quality of 100 per cent tempranillo wines in other parts of Spain, like Ribera del Duero, I am not certain I agree with the rioja theory that the tempranillo, like the cabernet sauvignon of Bordeaux, is only at its best when blended with other varieties.

Spain and the tempranillo grape's stumbling block to greatness lies chiefly in its 1.7 million hectares of vineyards. the largest in any European country. Not all, of course, are planted to tempranillo. But of the 35 million hectolitres they produce annually, only a proportion is

old gracefully



Good mixer: top riojas contain 50 per cent tempranillo

deemed worthy to be sold as classified wine, the rest is distilled. The health of these vineyards, many of which suffer from bad husbandry and being planted with low quality varieties, is also apparent from their extraordi-narily low yields; 20 hectolitres is the Spanish average, which is about onethird of French yields, one-

sixth of German. Some of the bigger producers claim that quantity and quality would be much improved if closely spaced vines were planted, as in Australia and California.

BEST BUYS

This great tempranillo effortlessly demonstrates the grape's class. An intense combination of cassis, black cherry, cinnamon

Not everyone's glass of wine and definitely ready for drinking now, But this garnet red, rich, gamey, tobacco-scented riola shows that a predominantly tempranillo-based wine can grow

● 1988 Cosme Palacio Waitrose £4.35. Oddbins £4.49
At the other end of the rioja scale and again better than the 1989

vintage, this soft, ripe, chocolatey rioja is great value for money.

An unusual tempranillo style that I liked. It has curious apple, rhubarb and eucalyptus-like flavours. Intriguing.

• 1988 Ochoa Tempranillo. Navarra Wizard Wine £5.79

Navarra makes increasingly impressive wines. This plun wine is a dash over-oaked, but reveals Navarra's pedigree.

● 1987 Yllera Cosecha L & S £6.40, Thresher £6.95

and sandalwood. The 1989 is nowhere near as good.

■ 1981 La Rioja Alta 904 Gran Reserva L & S E12.37

the vineyards, improvements in the cellar have been faster. Two-thirds of Spanish wine is still made in more than 1,000 co-operatives, which are beginning to realise the impor-tance of stainless steel, cool. controlled fermentations; new, clean, oak barrels; and early bottling.

True, all the old habits of fermenting wines (stalks and all) for weeks in big. open

clay pots, in the blistering Spanish heat continue. But they appear to be on the Young, fruity reds, due in part to mechanical pumping over and whole berry fermentation, have at long last • 1988 Pesquera Oddbins £9.49: Laymont & Shaw. The Old Chapel, Millpool, Truro, Cornwall, £10.21; John Armit, 190 Kensington Park Road, W11, £115 a case become part of Spain's reper-

> bottling, which increases the chances of producing fresher. cleaner wines. Yet for all Spain's deficiencies in viti and viniculture. great tempranillo wines somehow continue to be

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aging trend of early, on-site

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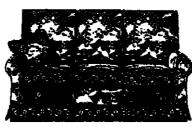
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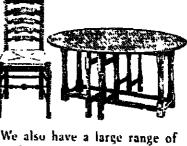
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Stitching together an opera

Six schools are making music, helped by the Royal Opera House. Jay Rayner reports

n the home economics classroom of Needham Market Middle School, Suffolk, a mighty Anglo-Saxon hero is being reborn. The midwife attending the event is a tall, broadchested chap called Peter Wilberforce. He paces around the room with a look of feverish intent etched across his brow. It is going to be a difficult birth.

Before him is a class of boister ous, fidgety 12-year-olds. Mr Wilberforce has to turn this noisy hoard into Beowolf, the monster slayer of ancient legend, and the star of a new opera being devised with the help of Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, for half a dozen schools across the county.

When they come to the performance next month in The Maltings opera house at Snape, near Aldeburgh, the children will have pieces of scenery to denote various bits of Beowolf. Two will carry his head, two will be on each arm, two more on each leg and so on. Beowolf will be enormous, a hero to be reckoned with.

Mr Wilberforce, the opera's director, teaches the children their lines and puts them through their paces. "The words are, 'I have come to purge your country." he recites in deep, rumbling tones. "It would be nice if you could sing while walking, but many opera

stars can't, so don't worry."

This is the only reference to opera stars throughout the afternoon. Indeed, it is the only use of the word opera at all. The professional designers, directors, musi-cians and administrators, who are co-ordinating the production as part of the work of the education department at the ROH, like to steer clear of the "O" word.

"The word has something of a stigma attached to it." says Pauline Tambling, the depart-ment's director, "although the use of 'Nessun'Dorma' with the World Cup did help to give opera some credibility. We like to call it musical theatre, or music theatre,

The Suffolk project is part of a work programme for schools developed by the ROH over the past nine years. The education department was set up in 1983 through

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an Arts Council initiative which called for the big arts institutions to do more in the education sector. Opera, with its fusty, elitest image, needed more work than most other arts to get it into schools.

"The problem is one of access to the material," Mr Wilberforce says. "The opera stuff these kids will see on television is not terribly good. It really is all about fat men in dinner jackets. My method is to work on the premise that an opera is what the kids make it. Definitions aren't important. It's about getting them to work in a group. using music and telling a story."

Combining those elements is nothing short of an organisational nightmare. There are six Suffolk schools involved: one primary, three middle and two high. All are contributing music, sets and performers. The cast and production team numbers well over 150. None of the parts, or even the schools, will come together until the last weeks of production. Until

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then the opera. The Treasure and a Tale, is like a patchwork quilt waiting to be stitched together. A libretto, interweaving the

Beowolf legend with the story of the unearthing of an Anglo-Saxon ship at Sutton Hoo in 1939, was written by Edward Lambert last autumn. It was meant to provide a basic structure, comparing the myths about the ancients with the knowledge we have of them today. Since then, most of that has been thrown out as the children have experimented in workshops.

music have been written by the musicians themselves, while experimenting with school intruments such as xylophones and glockenspiels. Mr Lambert recorded the melodies devised by the schools and incorporated them into the score. built around the schools resources. Where there is a star cello

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player, a cello has been written in.
"We didn't get a copy of the
score until quite late on," says Simon Clover, the music teacher at Combs Middle School. "A lot of the children had to learn to read music for the first time."

For the stage design, Combs Middle School has taken over an empty mobile classroom, its floor now littered with shields and banners, each piece decorated in a riot of deep blues and yellows. The designs are variations on Anglo-Saxon themes, which the class saw at the "Making of England" exhibition at the British Museum. The only limitation the designer Francis O'Connor has placed on their ideas is a palate of six bright colours, so that the sets from the different schools will match.

"Frankly I don't really consider myself the designer," Mr O'Connor says. "I'm more of a coordinator with 150 designers. The greatest problem faced by

shortage of time. That is partly because the project has grown in scale since it was first proposed. and because of the extra work put on teachers with the introduction of the National Curriculum.

Part of the cost is being met by the schools, with the bulk, £25,000, coming from the Esmee Fairbairn Trust and the Friends of Covent Garden.

Is it all worth it? Yes, if the Needham Market children are anything to go by. "I thought it would be a lot of screeching," Adam, aged 12, says. "But it wasn't like that at all." Rebecca, who says she has seen an opera in London - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat says she has listened to Pavarotti at home and hated it. "But this is good. It's more like chanting."

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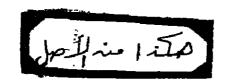
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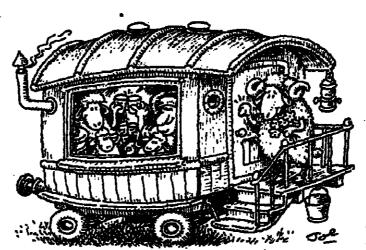
easily seduces me away from the essential marriage between a shepherd and his flock at lambing time. So next year I am going to do my duty properly, and as it does not seem reasonable to have the sheep move into the house, I am going to live with them.

Shepherds always used to live with their flocks at lambing time, and many still camp out in caravans. But I have it in mind to find myself a traditional shepherd's hut of the kind that moves from field to field, and in which the flockmaster spent long months of the year. They were cosy little vans: a cross between a railway

of warming themselves: sickly lambs were thought to thrive on a quick sip of whisky administered by the shepherd swilling it first round his own mouth and then spitting it into the lamb's. Several doses per night probably did little for the poor creature but no doubt

can be a depressing time. For lambing is depressing. It is one of the crescendos of the farming year, played out against a background of newborn bleats and milky, mothering ewes. But only in retrospect do I find juy at lambing time. As I look at our pen of healthy, bouncing lambs fighting their early battles at the wagon and a ship's cabin, with a ing their early battles at the cheery little billy-stove round which to warm sickly lambs: which those stubby little tails Shepherds, I read, had other ways shake when they have successfully

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walk around in the evening and the round-hellied little creatures are asleep while the ewes keep watch, I find it easy to forget the anguish that has got us this far. But I never do forget. It is not

possible to be unmoved by the sight of a ewe trying with all her might to lick life into her stillborn lamb. It is a pitiful business to have to drag dead lambs from the wombs of otherwise healthy ewes. But the worst thing of all is the

suspicion that you as shepherd. may in any way be responsible for the lamb losing its life.

So far I have been dutiful and made visits to the pens last thing at night, once in the early hours and again at breakfast, but some nights ago, after a hard week, I took time off, had a few drinks and slept long and hard it was too long. By the time I was at the lambing pen, a couple of hours later than usual, there were four dead lambs: two sets of twins.

They were sealed in the sac in which they were bern and had they been able to take those first vital gasps of air they might have lived. But I was not there to help them: not around to stick a quick finger in their mouths, feel the lambs' first sucking reflex as it tried to squeeze milk from the finger. I was not there to oversee those first brave stumpling steps as the bleary lamb males its way to the test. I have now watched

calves, lambs and piglets make those faltering steps and it is the bravest hule journey in the world. But all I had were four corpses

and a couple of bewildered mothers, confused by their loyalties which seemed divided between their dead lambs and the anticipation of food. Within the hour, healthy twins were born, then triplets, and the heart rose again: until a late-night check revealed one of the twins had died, and then the nagging thoughts began. could I have done more?

Next year it will be different. If I can find a shepherd's hut I shall move in with them. I know it is not smart these days for farmers to confess any affection for their flock, and hard-headed commercial farmers will already have written lambing losses into the balance sheet, but I am fond of the eld ewes. And for the few short weeks of the year when they need me. I must be there. Full time.

Good (stately) housekeeping

As the dust covers come off again, Victoria McKee meets the

National Trust's cleaning lady

elen Lloyd is the our heritage. At 37 she is responsible for the upkeep of 190 properties and their priceless collections of art, books, ceramics, furniture and textiles. Only the second National Trust Housekeeper to be apcreated in 1977, she is in charge of a team of cleaners who move into the Trust's properties in winter to make them ready for the busy

Good_housekeeping, National Trust style — as preached by Miss Lloyd at her annual winter course for up to 100 staff - means to clean as infrequently as necessary, as thoroughly and gent-ly as possible and in a carefully controlled and coordinated fashion. There are no arbitrary flicks of a feather duster, no routine weekly

Ceramics are dusted once a year and washed every five years, metalwork thoroughly cleaned once a year, furniture every two to three years — a laissez faire policy Miss Lloyd would advise

householders to follow. All the Trust's houses in East Anglia and Northern Ireland come under Miss Lloyd's personal jurisdiction, while the others are divided among her eight regional housekeepers — only one of them (Andrew Bush of the

southern region) male.
"National Trust housekeepers are largely drawn from conservators, who can either go on to become respecied specialists in an indi-vidual field or be concerned with long-term preservation of the whole." Miss Lloyd

Accustomed to jokes about her profession, Miss Lloyd is. not remotely like Mrs Dan-vers in Rebecca. She is a softspoken woman, whose enthusiasm for the conservation of old buildings and their contents rubs off as gently yet surely on those around her as the grime comes off 200-yearold china under their coaxing ministrations with cotton wool on cocktail sticks.

Miss Lloyd has been with the Trust for ten years. For her dust, light, heat and humidity are the enemies but so, too, are the visitors for whose benefit she labours, and who wreak the most destruction. "Dust brought in mental to paintings, textiles and bronzes," she says.

At historic Wimpole Hall,

last owned by Rudyard Kip-ling's daughter Elsie Bambridge, and considered by the Trust to be "the greatest country house in Cambridgeshire", Miss Lloyd and her team of administrators - a curator (responsible for the fabric of the building) and "conservator cleaners" demonstrate their skills.

As the house prepares to open to the public on March 28 after its winter hibernation, they are eager to show why five to six-month winter closures are necessary to maintain properties in peak

wring the closure each marble fireplace, with its ornate metalwork and grate, can take up to a week to clean and blacklead properly. The more than 100 pairs of curtains will be either taken down or vacuumed (through gauze) and "rested" over the backs of chairs. Every antique rug will be-rolled and wrapped, each piece of furniture shrouded in colour-coded cotton covers. All the ornaments will be encased in acid-free tissue paper, each coved and corniced corner carefully cleaned, and every one of literally thousands of books taken down from the library shelves, dusted with a shaving brush and inspected and

treated for pests.

The ultra-violet filters on the windows must be regularly monitored for breakdown. the temperature and humidity monitored with whirling hygrometers or electronic



Polished art: one of Helen Lloyd's army of specialist workers cleans a silver bowl -- but not the Mrs Beeton way

thermohygrometers and controlled, if necessary, with hu-midifiers or de-humidifiers.

If repairs need to be done as they did this winter at Wimpole following a fire in a chimney flue — special dustproof tunnels must be constructed to channel detritus out of the door.

"A lot of what we do is really quite labour-saving, Miss Lloyd says. "We employ traditional methods when we feel they are the best, but combine them with modern, scientific techniques.

"In many ways Mrs Beeton's ideas about housekeeping were much more radical than ours, and some of the old patent recipes such as one with caustic soda for cleaning silver — created a chemical reaction which is harmful and should be

Each house presents particular challenges. Take, for example, the animal skins at The Argory in Northern Ire-land. The skins must be carefully examined and treated for pests, and indeed an entire chapter of the National Trust Housekeeper's bible, The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping (Viking, £17.99), written by the Trust's

first Housekeeper, Sheila Stainton, is about how to deal with "natural history collec-

tions", including mounted mammals, birds, reptiles and fish. "Cleaning," it says, "should be carried out only if the specimen is robust . . . "When cleaning, isolate the

pecimen from the rest of the collection so that if insects are discovered they will not be brushed off near other specimens and so contaminate

The manual advises on everything from how to clean a set of boxing squirrels to an elaborate crystal chandelier. "It's often the things that sound the most mundane which are the most difficult to learn," Miss Lloyd has dis-covered. "It's not so much about how to clean the nose of a stuffed bear (dust it with a soft brush), it's more about how to vacuum a carpet (across the grain, against the grain, and then again to lay the pile flat) or deal with an

intricate chandelier." The manual lists recommended housekeeping aids, from acid-free blotting paper to Zebrite, and suppliers, including National Trust Enterprises, which sells the full range of cleaning brushes. furniture polish, the housekeeping manual and a train-

Does Miss Lloyd follow her National Trust housekeeping policies in her own home? "1 employ someone else to clean my home," she says with just

using National Trust furniture polish I fear she probably puts it on every week. Fortunately, with my furniture that doesn't really matter."

• For further information con-tact National Trust (Enterprises) Ltd. Western Way, Melksham. Wiltshire SN12 8DZ (0225

Events

U Bolion barkers: More than 200 entries compete in 25 classes at the Northerr Great Dane Dog Show, winners going on to Cruft's. Bolton Sport: and Exhibition Centre, Silverwell Street, Lancs (02c4-33122). Tomorrow, 11am-5pm, £1

Brandon mush: Eighty teams and more than 200 husides compete in the Siberian Husky Club raily for the fastest aggregate time over lenest dirt tracks ranging from three to eight miles.

Brandon Peris Suffolk, signed off A1005 (0842-810752, Mr. Palmert 1. day, 9.30am, somerrow, 9am, Spectators free

☐ Caernarion magle: Talk and video on new fly-fishing technology with the Snowdonia branch of the Fly Dressers' Guild Library, Parillon Road, Caernarion, Gwynedd (€280 5944) Tues, 7-30pr: 51.

☐ Chichester birdwatch: RSPB boat tour of the harbour with a chance to sp.: 40 varieties of wildfowl and waders.

Itchenor (O S ref SUT99015), Wittering Road, West Susser [0243 7864] 51: Tomorrow, 2 30pm. E3, child £1:50 Cottenham races: Cambridge University Draghounds Point-to-Point: Six there: Men's Open Race at 1.30pm. Cottenham Racecourse, near Cambridge (0359 40113). Today, 12.30pm. £5-£15

☐ Durham lambing Sunday: See new lambs and calves and how they are cared for, plus sheep shearing and pony rides.

Durham College of Agriculture (1991-386 1351). Tomorrow, 1-4pm (no does) £1.50 per family.

☐ Scarborough skipping festival: Two-hundred-year-old custom in which the ringing of the Pancake Bell heraids the start of mass public skipping along the beach.

South foreshore, Scarborough, N. Yorks (0723 373333).

Gardens to visit

☐ Wiltshire: Lacock Abbey gardens has nine acres of parkland with a lake, fine frees and early spring flowers, including aconites, snowdrops and crocuses. Chippenham, Follow National Trust signs on A350 midway

between Mclissham and Chippenham. 11, child free. Tomornim and March 8 for NGS. Open 2-5pm. ☐ East Lothian: The Old House "Plants from the Past" display to

a garden designed and planted to early 18th-century design Parterre, gravel walk, summer house and kitchen garden. l North Street. Belhaven. Im W of Dunbar. From A! take A I IUS 7 via 13 est Barns towards Dunbar, Entry by collecting box. Daily from tomorrow, 1-5pm, except Tuesdays.

☐ Gloucestershire: The Old Munor, Twyning. Two-acre garden with trees, shrubs, alpines, pools, rock beds and troughs. Twyning, 3m north of Tewkeshury via A38; follow sign to Twyning; garden at T-junction at top end of village, £1.20, child 50p. Open every Monday 2-opm

Come into Woolworths and you'll see lots of strange behaviour.

Gossipy tracks and signs

Feather report

confess I have a soft spot for gossip. Who is doing what to whom, and why times? So-and-so has a new job. a new partner, a new babe: gossip is the stuff of life. because life is its subject. Gossip gets a traditionally

bad press: well, malicious gossip, vicious speculation and out-and-out lies are hardly life-affirming. But most gossip is no more, or no less, than interest in people other than one's self. It seems to me that people who lack such curiosity are in deep trouble. Perhaps a passion for wild-

life is a different manifestation of the life-affirming passion for gossip. Life outside oneself is the central concern of biographers and historians, and for ethologists, those who study the behaviour of wild animals.

Gossip can lead to profound and important matters: or it can exist for its own sake. Gossip may throw new light on the work of James Joyce, or the Thatcher years. or bittern courtship or the matriarchal structure of elephant society: or it may simply inform us that Liz next door is pregnant again and the chiffchaff has returned to the wood out at the back. But

One of the special delights and now in paperback.

Say you find a broken egg.

Say you find a broken egg.
Why is it broken? Has it of the African bush is reading the local gossip column, by



which I mean Sign: footprints, droppings, bits of carcass, broken vegetation, holes in the ground. An expert can read the bush as if it were today's newspaper.

In the bush it is a natural thing to do, because everything is on your side. In the dry season, the trails are paved with fine dust, and footprints stick; there will be nothing to wash them away for half a year. Droppings are preserved, almost mummified in the dry heat. All around is Sign: some of it months old, some of it hot off the presses.

An expert will tell you that a single male lion passed here two days ago, and early this morning an old elephant bull and two younger ones went by. They have been eating

In Britain, Sign is much harder, and less obvious. However, there is a book to help you: Tracks and Signs. first published five years ago

hatched naturally? Did a weasel get it? Or a magpie? Don't bother to see if the egg has fallen from a nest above you: most birds cart broken shell some distance away. Mammals may leave teeth marks, and they will clean out the shell completely. A bird will attack the middle of the egg, and will probably leave small traces of membrane. If the membrane is more or less intact, the shell was probably

Or, say you find an opened nut. Who opened it? If it has been jammed into a crack in the bark, go for nuthatch. A near hole punched in an acorn? Great tit, Woodpeckers will punch open hazelnuts still on the branch. But if the nuts have been split in two and the shells scattered about

broken open by the former

at the bottom, go for squirrel. The book covers all kinds of Sign. Footprints: a cormorant has all four toes linked by web, a swan three. It also looks at nests, roosting sites, the signs of feeding and other behaviour, the pellets of indi-

heave up, droppings ("a num-ber of basic types of dropping. consistency and form, can be recognised. The droppings may be completely liquid, semi-liquid or solid..."), fallen feathers and abandand drawle and abandand semi-liquid or solid..." doned skulls.

This is an area of birding skill about which few of us have even a clue. Recogniton by sight so competely dominates birdcraft that other skills are often ignored. Many birders have a deaf spot for call, but practically everyone has a blind spot for Sign.

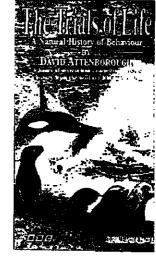
For some people, know-ledge of Sign is an important aid in scientific and conservational work. For others, I suspect, a little knowledge of Sign will be no more than grist to the gossip mill: a weasel had this egg, a nuthatch this nut. Does it matter who are the nut, or the egg? Well, only if life matters.

SIMON BARNES Tracks and Signs of the Birds of Britain and Europe: An Identification Guide, by Roy Brown, John Ferguson, Michael Law-rence. David Lees (Christopher Helm/A&C Black, £14.99).

• What's about Birders - watch out for great crested grebe starting courtship displays on inland waters. Twitchers — gyr falcon on Akeragh Lough, Co Kerry, Hume's yellow-browed warbler at Plymouth, Devon; two more little buntings in Cornwall. Details from Birdline, 0891 700222.

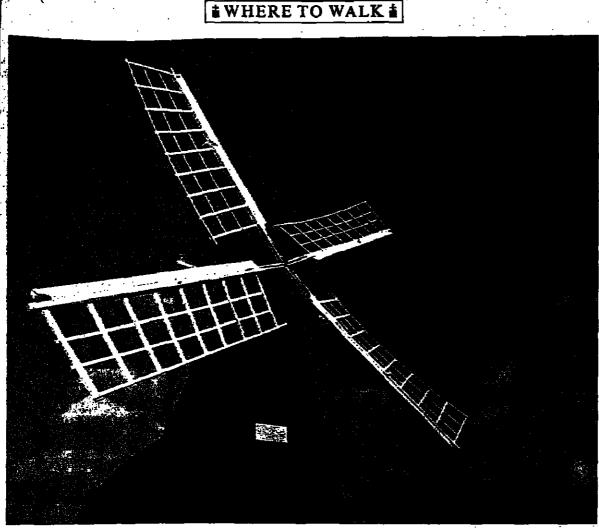






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WOOLWORTHS



Mellow marsh: Wicken Fen's windpump was re-erected in 1956 to lift water back and keep the marsh wet

Ticken Fen, a fragment of the primeval marshes which has survived the transformation of the vast East Anglian coze into arable farmland, is one of the oldest nature reserves in Britain. Its carpark, in Lode Lane, Wicken, is also a convenient meeting place for a series of interlinked walks collectively

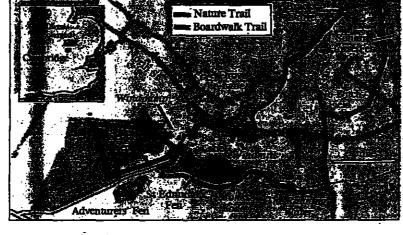
known as the Wicken Walks.

At the urging of Victorian entomologists anxious to protect the fens' damsel, dragon and butterflies. the National Trust acquired its first tract of land in Wicken in 1899, and now owns 605 acres. Two routes are signposted through Wicken Sedge Fen. the most important part of the reserve and the only remaining un-drained fenland readily accessible to

The "islands" of higher ground were once a refuge from the swamps and phantoms of the marshes. Now the raised sanctuaries are the few scraps of fen which remain, and Wicken Fen is up to 10ft higher than the surrounding farmland where the peat has shrunk. It has taken £18,000 of polythene sheeting to seal the banks and reduce seepage, and the windpump that took water out of cultivated land nearby was re-erected beside the reserve's Boardwalk Trail in 1956 to lift water into Wicken Fen

and help keep it wet.
The Boardwalk Trail, suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs, is about three-quarters of a mile long, and takes half an hour to cover. The Nature Trail is two miles long and takes at least an hour, with waterproof footwear recommended.

For a longer walk, signposted by the county council through a complete cross-section of Fenland landscape, go from the car-park towards the nature reserve, but then continue on the track to the left of Monks Lode, the water channel which may orig-



inally, like others in the area, have been built by the Romans. The name comes from its later use by the monks of Spinney Abbey for fishing and

transport.
Commoners' rights to collect sedge
and peat on Wicken Poor's Fen, over
the lode, are still administered by the parish council. Cross the lode by footbridge at the windpump to skirt the mature carr and woodland of St Edmunds's Fen on the northern bank of the Running Water (also known as New River).

St Edmunds's, like Wicken, belongs to the National Trust, and the alder buckthorn scrub is being kept in check with periodic mow cutting to promote the growth of dampland herbs such as ragged robin, purple and yellow loosestrife. meadowsweet, comfrey and marsh

Turn left to walk with the pylons northward to No-Ditch-Field, crossing the A1123. On No-Ditch-Field medieval strip farming is still main-tained. Tenants are allowed to have more than one strip, but to maintain the field pattern cannot have any two together.

At the signpost, turn right under the pylon line toward Soham and; follow the bridleway past Soham Horse Fen along Horsefen Drove; bordered by mature hedges of aider, hawthorn, blackthorn and ash, chaltering blackthorn and ash, sheltering bluebells and wood anemo-nes. Just south of Soham turn left along Bracks Drove, with a hedge along the southeast side protecting flowering plants and teasies which attract finches and butterflies. Bear left under the pylons again toward

The footpath passes the end of Drove Lane and crosses the main road to use Back Lane, past the recently renovated windmill, as a quieter route back to Lode Lane and the car-park.

miles. The Ordnance Survey reference for the starting point in the NT car-park, on Landranger Sheet 154 (Cambridge, Newmarket & surrounding area), is 565705.



BEST OF BRITAIN

ELY

The monotonous Fens, shrouded in legend, are host to a Norman masterpiece. Robin Young reports

he best agricultural land in Britain was sucked by Dutch know-how from ague and mist-ridden bogs that were once the last redoubt of Englishness. Now the hard-won acres are a wasting asset. Flat and feawasting asset. Flat and feainreless, they are blowing
away at the rate of an inch a
year, picked up by winds
which scour the wate open
Fenland spaces and sweep
the fine tilth in dark furtains
of dust out to the North Sea.
No landscape in Schain has
been so radically aftered by man
as the Black Fen, ceitized on the
Isle of Ely. In winter mud or
summer dust storm; nowhere

summer dust storm nowhere provides a more eerie environment in which to reflect on the self-defeating nature of our best endeavours.

This is a countryside in which natural order has been stood on its head. Much of the land now lies below sea level. What were river beds are now silt ridges. meandering across the countryside. What were the canals and dinches dug to drain the land now stand embanked above it like varicose veins. Windmills, steam and diesel engines had to be progressively enlarged, de-molished and replaced as they dredged ever deeper and lifted water higher to keep floods at bay. Where the peat has shriv-elled away, front doors that once had thresholds at ground level now hover, at the top of stair-

cases as many as ten steps high. "Undiscovered, unspoilt, un-rivalled," beasts the local-travel brochure. Train to say that the fens have been raped, pillaged, drained, drillest and regulated, and finally made over to intensive agriculture and the greater glory of sugar beet, potatoes, celery, carroes and onions. Yet none of this is to deny their

Charles Kingsley, the Victori-an novelist. Christian socialist and Regius Professor of History at Cambridge, defined part of the Fenlands' enduring appeal: Overhead the arch of Heaven spread more ample than elsehere, as over the open sea: and that vastness gave and still gives such cloudlands, such sunrises,



Glass from the cathedral collection

such sunsets as can be seen nowhere else within these isles." Nowhere ess within these sixes.

Kingsley was writing in his best selling history of the local hero, the last, defiant Englishman who gave his name as the book's title. Hereward this Wake When these skyscapes were fringed not with crops of vegetables but by the waving heads of reeds and sedges, and when underfoot were "foul and flabby quagmires", half open water, half marsh, and often all shrouded in impenetrable prist. it was here that the English resistance movement staged its last desperate struggle against the Norman conquest.

ate in 1071, at the end of a five-year war in perhaps 100,000 Hereward's guerrilla forces of outlaws and motey dissidents held out for months in the watery fastness of the wild fens, while William the Conqueror's army laboured to build a cause-

way to penetrate their defences. What are believed to be the causeway's remains can still be seen, stretching across the nowdrained fen near the village of Willingham: It is just a rough, hedged track, barely raised above the surrounding fields, but it rests on the foundations of stone, timber and rubble laid by

William allegedly employed a witch to hurl curses on Hereward's forces. Her pagan imprecations were in the end unnecessary. When Ely, the last bastion of English freedom, finally succumbed, it was the Christian monks, weary of the privations of the siege, who were popularly supposed to have be-

trayed the defenders. Hereward made good his escape through the marshes to become the stuff of legends. The few known facts are available in Ely's excellent town museum. in the cathedral buildings along the High Street.

The cathedral dominates not only the small and unassuming town of Ely but the endless, monotonous levels of the fens, which stretch as far as the eye can see. Today, as when Thomas Fuller wrote in 1660, "Ely presenteth itself from afar to the eye of the traveller, and on all sides, at great distance, not only maketh a promise, but giveth earnest of the beauty

The cathedral is one of the most magnificent in Britain. William the Conqueror's appointee as abbot, Simeon, started building the west front only a dozen years after Hereward had finally fled, at

work went on as steadily as possible in those troublous times for more than a century, until the cathedral was completed in 1189. There have been only five significant alterations to the build-

ing since.
The stupendous nave, a complete and perfect speci-men of late Norman work 248ft long, with an excep-tionally tall triforium accentuating the impression of triumphantly soaring height, is one of the world's

greatest architectural thrills. The builders were fortunate in their choice of stone, from Barnack near Stamford, the hardest limestone quarried in England. Great slabs of it were brought to Ely by water. Its exceptionally durable quality can be seen in the intricate pattern and 12th-century carving of the doorways which once opened on to the cloisters from the south side of the nave.

None of this might have been left to us had not Abbot Hervé le Breton been confirmed as bish-op of a new diocese of Ely. carved out of Lincoln in 1109. If Ely had not been an episcopal see at the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539 it would probably have become just one more majestic ruin. As it was, the bishop continued to be titular abbot, and to this day Ely has no bishop's throne.

Early in the 12th century Bishop Eustace, at his own expense, added the great and beautiful early English Galilee Porch to the west frontage; in the 13th century, Bishop Hugh of Northwold extended the cathedral eastwards by building the pure and dignified six-bay presbytery in Barnack stone and Purbeck marble; and in the 14th century work had begun erecting the Lady Chapel, be-



Witnesses ancient and mor

tween the presbytery and th north transept, when disaste struck. On February 12 13Z the cathedral's central tower collapsed, burying the Normar choir in a pile of rubble. In a "moment of supreme creative vision". Alan of Walsingham, the sacrist in charge of the fabric, saw in the gaping 721-wide hole that was left the opportunity for a brilliant new design. In a supreme example of medieval craftsmanship. he erected eight pillars at the void's corners and mounted on them great timber triangles which



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Hereward's heritage detail from a cathedral painting

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Hotels worth a lo If you are going to pop the question the

nce every four years women are supposed to take the marital initiative and propose. Today's the uay but, since acceptance cannot be guaranteed, it is vital to choose the time and place very

Country house hotels provide the perfect setting. Here are a few that may match your perfect man to the perfect hotel:

Academic man: Remind him of his student days and take him to Oxford, only this time stay in style in the extensively renovated Old Parsonage overlooking Keble College. The 30-bedroom hotel has an informal restanrant and residents get a preferential table reservation at Browns across the road. If a proposal at the hotel is accepted today, the owners will offer a free wedding night. From £105 per person for two nights, bed and breakfast (0865 310210).

Hotel in the New Forest has to be the ultimate in the pampering stakes, particularly with its indoor tennis courts and multimillion pound health club. Treat him to a massage, encour-

Athletic man: Chewton Glen

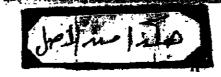
age a dip in the ozone-treated, Grecian-style swimming pool and let him out to play a round of golf. From £243 per person for two nights, dinner, bed and breakfast, and full use of the health club (0425 275341).

Outdoor man: Linthwaite House is an unpretentious Lakeland house built in 1900. Comfortably and caringly renovated by Mike Bevan, the own-er, it has 15 acres and the pretty conservatory overlooks Winder-mere. The hotel will lend maps, hire out boots and dry wet clothes. Five of the rooms have lake views, three have king-sized beds with canopies. The first ten women who successfully propose at the hotel today and return for their honeymoon or a "romantic break" will be given a free bathrobe. £138 per person for two nights, dinner, bed and breakfast, phis champagne, flowers and heart-shaped chocolates (05394 88600).

High-teck man: If he is impressed by state-of-the-art gadgetry he will like The Halkin,



just off London's Hyde P Corner. The rooms had synchronised lighting to illus nate your path, touch actives panels to control electron equipment, including floor ceiling pleated curtains, wi slide out of a recess. Beds piled high with goose is pillows; the baths are enough for two people kitchen is run by a top Mili chef (try the risotto). though rather more by



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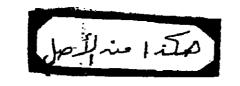
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Wilness am oolchildren swing on a gate near the cathedral, unimpressed by the miracle of medieval art and craft behind them, with its 60ft lantern supported by eight ten-ton oak trees

Though the cathedral doister

is a single oak tree ten tons eight. The soaring, stellar ty of the Octagon is the

some time the northwest rept fell, and the medieval and diers topped the west tower a large octagonal belfry if four supporting turrets, --- no roug the exterior an attractive.

d that, with the internal -West, would have been it,

had an excess of religious zeal had an excess of religious zeal not dictated that at the time of buildings disappeared during the Commonwealth, Ely does not dictated that at the time of the Reformation men should not really qualify as one of the feel obliged to deface the beautiful clunch-stone carvings of the ruins Cromwell knocked about. Lady Chapel and to knock all its This was, after all, his home windows out. Recently they have town. Before he rose to be Lord been regiazed with near-plain Protector, the warty puritan was glass discreetly sponsored by modern benefactors. To see the cathedral's tithe farmer, and collected his neighbours' dues in the oak-panelled room where stained glass, ancient and modern, at close quarters the visitor visitors to his house now watch a should climb to the cathedral's heavily accented, and hagionorth triforium gallery, as wide as a street, which houses the hapels for bishops Alcock
Stained Glass Museum's well displayed collection.

graphic, audio-visual presentation of his life. Cromwell did, as Governor of Ely, write to the Precentor, the Reverend Hitch, demanding that he "forbear altogether the choir service, so unedifying and offensive, lest the soldiers should in any tumultuary or disorderly way attempt the reformation of the cathedral church".

When the demand was ig-nored, Cromwell strode down to the cathedral "with rabble at his heels, and with his hat on". ordered Hitch to "leave off your fooling", and locked the door of the cathedral, pocketing the key. The great building remained closed for 17 years.

Cromwell's intention, though,

was to "make the Isle of Ely the strongest place in the world. a place for God to dwell in.
When in 1645 the Royalists came as close as nearby Huntingdon, Cromwell, like Hereward before him, offered Ely as a sanctuary for refugees.

Exposed by the drainage effected by Cornelius Vermuyden and his successors, and easily accessible by road, rail or river. Ely today is a modest market town dwarfed by its immense cathedral.

In the antique provincial charm of the buildings clustered around the cathedral, and in the views from the riverside and the park, the visitor finds reassurance that this is one English town where God has still not given up his residence.



Corridor of power: Ely's nave, a perfect specimen of late Norman work 248ft long

S Worth woo him in the right surround.

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Moat Houses) dates from the reign of Richard II tion (0353 720971).

(1416) and was Ely's principal coaching inn. It has 32 single, twin/double, family and four-poster rooms each with private bathroom and shower, television and radio, direct dial phones, trouser presses, hair-dryers and tea and coffee-making equipment. Single £55-£60, double/ twins £72-£75, family rooms £81-£87.50. four poster £90. Weekend breaks £37.50 per person per night, or £43.50 single (0353 663574).

At Wicken Spinney Abbey is an 18th-century house on the site an Augustinian Priory founded in about 1220. A subsequent owner was Henry Cromwell, Oli-ver's fourth son. Here Mrs Fuller offers bed and breakfast on the dairy farm in two double rooms and one twin. There is a separate lounge for guests. El4 per person. El5 in en suite accommoda-



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X WHERE TO EAT X

• Ely's best restaurant is Old Fire Engine House, 25 St Mary's Street, at the western end of the green in front of the cathedral, opposite Oliver Cromwell's House. Part friendly country house, part art gallery, it serves sound, homely cooking using largely local ingredients at sensible prices, and in generous quantities.
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• The Lamb, which as a coaching inn had the reputation of serving a never-changing menu of "spirchcocked eels and mutton chops", now serves more varied lunches. £6 to £10.25, and dinners at £13.50 for three courses. Light meals are also served in the cathedral Refectory, or in the reached through the cathedral grounds or from the High Street. opposite Market Square. Open daily 10am-5pm. and in the evenings Wed-Sat (0353 666360). • The coffee room in the timber-framed Tudor Steeple Gate on the High Street serves soup and

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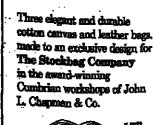


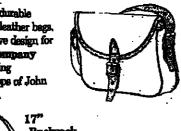


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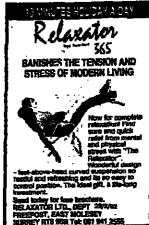
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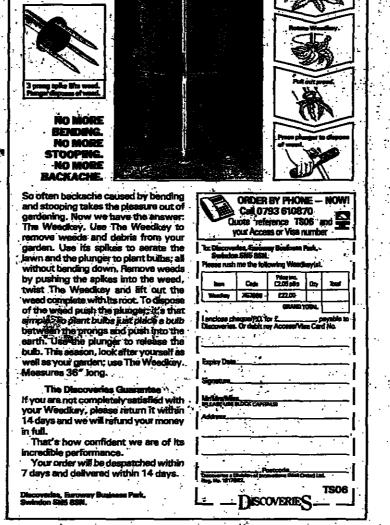


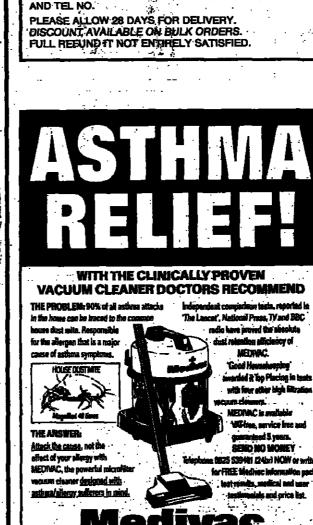
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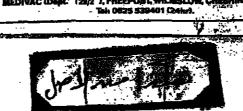
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fresh produce from the garden, and even in these days of high-powered living we can maximise snatched half-hours here and there to enjoyable and

The first thing to do is get the beds into good condition, making a start now by laying on or lightly forking in a mulch of garden compost, well-rotted manure or a branded soil conditioner.

Sowing in seed trays saves time in the long run, especially if you plant out good-sized plants which have been acclimatised to colder conditions and which will grow on strongly. Putting plants more closely together in deep, fertile beds saves digging, weeding and much of the watering much of the watering.

Perennial crops such as rhubarb, Jerusalem artichokes and globe artichokes, and long-standing greens such as perennial spinach, chard and loose-leaf lettuce, give a long season of use for very little work. Some organic gardeners, like Patricia Hegarty, who runs a hotel in Herefordshire, place terracotta pots over early rhubarb shoots to force an early

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Some vegetables are less trouble than others: shallots can go in now, as can broad beans, early beetroot such as Boltardy, leeks, onions from sets and turnips.

Choosing the right variety can also make life easier: mangetout and snap peas are quicker to mature and easier to manage than fat-podded ones. A swede such as the well-tried Avonresister does quite well on heavy soils and is resistant to canker, Boltardy beet-

root is resistant to bolting. Timing is important to avoid seasonal pests and diseases: early carrots can be started now under cloches and sown up until early May for harvesting before mid-August, thus avoiding carrot fly.

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or more convenient than next few weeks will be ready by early summer before pests such as the large white butterfly are about in large numbers. Peas and bean weevil, and pea

moth depredations, can be avoid ed if peas are sown before mid-March, with a second crop sown during the last two weeks in May. Just as important as spotting

pests is recognising bugs which help you in the garden. Shiny, golden ladybird eggs, laid on the underside of a cabbage leaf near a colony of aphids, superficially re-semble those of the large white butterfly, which are laid in groups of 40-100 like tiny com-on-thecobs, lemon at first changing to a rich yellow. The small grey larvae of ladybirds and hoverflies are 50a-day aphid eaters; the similarlooking but brownish mayfiy larvae (and the beautiful adults) are if anything even more wora-cious, while wasps dispose of

Useful pictures of garden insects and their egg and larval stages are shown in an ICI leaflet, free if you send an sae to ICI Garden Products, Dept LO (Unit 7), the Baltic Centre, Ealing Road, Brent-ford, Middlesex TW8 OND. Organic gardeners can ignore the pesticide advertisements included. and everyone should note that Roseclear and Rapid, though the most selective of the insecticides listed, do kill hoverfly larvae. It is important to have a range of

aphids and young caterpillars.

nectar-rich flowering plants blooming from spring until au-tumn, and to maintain an adjacent patch of rough grass as winter quarters for the insects.

A good idea is to mix different kinds of ornamentals, vegetables and leaf crops in the garden. Pests and diseases are attracted to monocrops and weakly plants but may be less interested if groups of strong, different plants are ranged in the same place.



BEST BUYS

THERE are more opportunities than ever for garden visits this year in the new crop of guides. The best known are the National Gardens Scheme Yellow Book (£2 from most bookshops) and its northern counterpart, Scottish northern counterpart. Scottish Gardens (E2). Between them they cover more than 3,000 gardens which open for charity on selected days. Full details of all-year-round openings and facilities are incinded in the Good Gardens Guide 1992 (Vermillion Books, £11.99), by Graham Rose and Peter King, which is developing a flavour of its own. Blue Guide's Gardens of England (A.&C. Black, £14.99) gives longer appraisals.



WEEKEND TIPS Sow hardy annuals now in

seed trays in a cool greenhouse or

 Make sure that trellis, arches and other supports for climbing plants are in good condition before the growing season starts.

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Where would you stay? A sune in Claridges in London would be a peaceful womb and this hostelry I have always found a tranqual soothingly comfortable place :.. be.

I've had three blistful gems as companions over the years but such a lady would, on this memorable trip, be uncomplaining with a good palate and an excellent pair of walking legs. What essential piece of

Who would be your perfect

clothing would you take? What I always wear, a many pocketed tweed jucket, and waistcoat for extra pockets. What would you have to cat? Smoked salmon. Dover sole and rice, mixed salad with

garlic dressing, fru:: salad. What would you have to drink? A glass of champagne to take with the smoked salmon. A sancerre or Cloudy Bay with the fish. And a very nice armagnac to pave the way to bed.

What would you take to read? Work in progress drafts of The History of the Ginger Man, an autobiographical account of the many years of trials and tribulations and betrayals and the bitter sweet revenges associated with this novel.

What music would you have? Russian Orthodox choirs, the saddest of Mahler, and King's College Cambridge's long mas-sive harmonisation of choral voices in Thomas Tallis's Spem in alium nunquam habui. What piece of art would you

like to have there? Something I own and which I could excitingly watch being auctioned for a monstrously huge whack at Sotheby's.



Who would be your least welcome guest?

Someone without the money to do so pretending to want to buy the film or TV rights to one of my books.

What three things would you most like to do?

For three hours walk and lurk in Mayfair and Westminster's familiar and unfamiliar streets. Then take lapsang southong at Fortnum & Mason with a slab of sachenone. Also to give Prince Charles three pats on the back for his concern and pleasant taste in architecture and the sleeves rolled up example he sets in organic farming.

To whom would you send a postcaro?

Four little persons I know and love called Rebecca, Rory, Alexis and Alain and two big persons I long know and love, Philip and Karen.

What souvenir would you

bring home? Postcard portraits of various members of the royal family whose pleasant visages at various ages I have collected over the years to cheer me up.

What would you like to find when you got home? The nice lady 1 brought with

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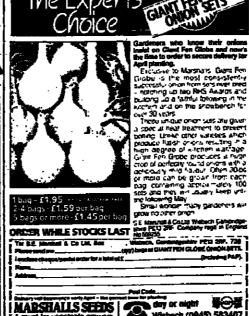
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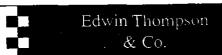
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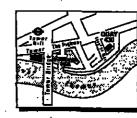
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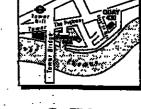
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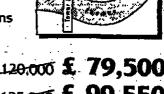
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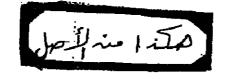








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Despite the impressive oak panelling, 17th-century paintings and renowned flower arrangements. the room was let down by its shabby sofas until an interior designer, Sasha Waddell, ap-proached Lady Christie with the idea of re-upholstering and recov-TO CALL FRANCE ering the sofas and armchairs in a new fabric which owes its origins to a worsted damask used in grand houses in the 17th century.

Changing the look of a room simply by recovering its furniture is not something one would normally expect to achieve, but it was the choice of material, its colour and the expertise involved in the re-modelling which prompts Lady Christie to say: "Doing this has transformed the room."

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"Because the room is used by the public, the fabric had to be very hard-wearing," Ms Waddell says.
"But I didn't want anything too opulent or dressy, even though it is a very grand room, so I chose a quieter but durable fabric which Zoffany has just started to make. It is a pure worsted damask which was fashionable for wall-hangings in the late 17th century.

"A silk damask would have looked too rich, especially as the two contrasting weaves, which create a damask pattern, catch the light in two different ways. The effect I wanted to achieve was more muted."

The designs derive from a blockprinted wallpaper of the early 19th century, based on a French damask of the late 18th century, found in France by Humphrey Boyle. dreadful. But the distance apart in this enormous room gives them



Sitting comfortably: Sasha Waddell, left, and Lady Christie try out one of the newly restored sofas in Glyndebourne's Organ Room

Zolfany's design consultant, who says: "What we have done, after reproducing it on wallpaper, is to produce a fabric which must be very like the original source for the

The colour of the new covers was important because the Organ Room has no curtains, and little furniture other than a grand piano, the organ, a large table decorated with Chinese vases, and

a desk in the bay window.

Ms Waddell says: "I selected three different colours — an inky slate blue which looks wonderful in front of the steely grey organ pipes and the wood panelling. At the other end of the room there is a book-lined gallery so I chose a tomato red, which also works well with the panelling. The armchair next to the dark blue sofa is green. When you put these colours to-gether as a swatch, they look

their space, and they look wonderintegral part of the room.

ful together.

"Coincidentally, the colours blend in with the vegetable dyes in the the old Persian rugs on the wooden floor. I'm not usually one for mixing and matching but the furniture and the rugs do look marvellous together.

s Waddell chose the old established London firm of Charles Paternan & Co to carry out the re-uphoistering. "The company employs traditional methods, such as using horse hair and hand-stitching. and was sympathetic to my ideas." she says.

"Despite the size of the sofas -7ft long - I wanted to give them an understated, unpretentious look. I didn't want them overdesigned with fringing and pipwhich would make them stand out like a sore thumb. I

wanted them to appear as an bought an organ company in

"Fifty years of continuous use meant we had to strip the solas back to the frames and work from there. They were in such a state it was difficult to see their original shape. We had to figure out the line of their serpentine backs and take the original arms to bits. We also decided to use a skirt rather than show the original bun feet, to keep the shape as simple as

"We're thrilled to bits with the sofas," Lady Christie says. "They fit just perfectly and look as if they were made for the room. I've never seen covers so beautifully made." She says it now seems strange to recall that the Organ Room began

life as an Eton fives court attached to the Glyndebourne manor house which John Christie, Lady Christie's father-in-law, inherited at the end of the first world war. In typically flamboyant style, he

B arney Wilson became involved with the Disabled Living Foundation through

its founder, Lady Hamilton, who had read about him hauling in a

40lb salmon on the river Tay and decided he must be the sort of enterprising person who would make an ideal trustee. "It's amaz-ing what a fish can do," says Mr

Wilson, a former City solicitor. When he and his wife Jane bought their waterside home in a small market town in Berkshire,

its proximity to some decent fishing was as much a consider-

ation as its suitability for his

The Grade II listed house dates

from 1805 and is proof that neither a building's character nor

its aesthetic appeal need be sacri-ficed to accommodate a disabled

owner. As Mr Wilson says: "You

do not necessarily have to go and

Now vice-chairman of the foun-dation, which provides informa-

tion on all aspects of living with disability, Mr Wilson is familiar with the accompanying state-of-

the art gadgetry, some of it designed with extraordinary ingenu-

ity. "Equipment can be extremely

effective at replacing the bits of the body that don't work," he says.

Wilsons, who still keep a London

base in Fulham, spent many

weekends camping out in the old servants' quarters of their new

home "so that we could see exactly

what was wanted. You should not

start any sweeping schemes until

you get the feel of the place.

"A lot of people who are newly disabled think they must move

immediately. But often they do not

need to move at all. And it may be

better to stay in what you know

and make the right adaptations

than go to a totally different

The Wilsons' biggest adaptation was installing a lift, choosing a version which combined maxi-

mum efficiency with minimum

obtrusiveness. Although in effect

they lose an upstairs room. it

means greater independence than

a hoist up the stairs, and when

raised leaves the Georgian hall un-

polio at 18 months . . . "so I have never known any different, and

that way you don't worry about it

so much. Most of the time I hardly

think about it. I think the younger

you are, particularly if it happens

suddenly, the more angry you are

"People talk about the chal-

For most of his life he managed

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likely to be.

Mr Wilson, aged 59, contracted

environment." he says.

Planning is also important. The

live in a modern bungalow

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order to have his own organ built in the room he constructed on the site of the fives court in 1920. Concerts were held there for local people until the opera house was built in 1934.

Visitors to Glyndebourne will still use the Organ Room after the new theatre, currently being built, opened. Designed by Michael Hopkins, this will be finished in time for the 1994 festival. Few visitors realise that the

Organ Room was where the seeds of Glyndebourne's international reputation were sown. It was here that John Christie met Audrev Mildmay, a soprano singing with the Carl Rosa Company in 1930. "It was love at first sight," Lady Christie says. They married, and it was for Audrey that he built the opera house.

■ The Glyndebourne season runs fro May 2-July 23 (information on 0273 812321)

Western bargains

THE unspoilt department of Vienne, centred on the splendid Renaissance town of Poitiers in the Poitou-Charentes region of western France, has so far attracted few British property buyers.

The delightful presbytery pictured below dates from the 17th century and has a large attached barn and stables suitable for conversion. It is in half an acre of vines and fruit trees on the edge of a small hamlet a few miles south of Civray, about four hours' drive from the ferry port of Ouistreham (Caen), or 90 minutes from Paris by TGV high-speed train to Politiers. The price is £43,000 (including agents' fees).

Built in honey-coloured stone, under a shallow pitched roof, the house has been restored in rustic style and retains many original features. including fireplaces and exposed oak beams. It has a farmhouse kitchen, cloakroom with lavatory, shower-room, a huge living-room on the ground floor, three double bedrooms upstairs and access to a large loft for further expansion. The UK agent is Road, SW6 (071-381 0112).

The surrounding country-side of gentle hills and wide rivers, with a warm, dry cli-mate, has many medieval towns and villages, lots of pretty châteaux and beautiful Romanesque churches.

The area has several large lakes for windsurfing, sailing and waterskiing, rivers to fish and underground caves to explore. The Poitou vineyards are nearby and the Atlantic beaches of the Charente-Maritime are a 90-minute drive. For centuries the stamping

ground of the French landed gentry, the Vienne is dotted small châteaux and



Buyers' France THE VIENNE

manor houses as well as stone cottages and farmhouses ripe for renovation. \$50,000 is the top price and there are plenty for under £15,000.

Rock bottom in the price chart would be a run down village house with two bedrooms, an old-fashioned kitchen and washroom, set in an enclosed courtyard, for about £7,000. Fully restored such a property might fetch

Dilapidated farmhouses with oak-beamed ceilings and flagstone floors are thick on the ground and cost from £13,000. Fully renovated, with an acre or two of agricultural land, one would set you back £40.000.

A working farm in the eastern Vienne, with a restored 18th-centurs maison de maitre (nobleman's house) overlooking its own lakes, is for sale at £91,000 through Bar-bers. The price includes a three-bedroom farmhouse, barns, outbuildings, stables and 22 hectares of meadows and woodlands.

The same agent is asking £300,000 for a turreted 18thcentury château, in good condition, half an hour's drive south of Poitiers. With eight bedrooms, four reception rooms and original fireplaces. the property is approached by a formal, tree-lined drive and is in 370 acres of ornamental parkland and pastures, with stables and farm buildings.

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Rustic this restored stone presbytery is for sale at £43,000

Aladdin's cave: the stock and decorations in Roberts's ironmongers will lure many a brie a-brac dealer

End of an iron age

¬ he gold prospector, a stooping, bearded man in a flop-brimmed jungle hat, shuffled conspiratorially out of the winter morning sunshine into the gloom of the ironmonger's shop. Not an ordinary Welsh shopper — but then, this is no ordinary

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deceased. T.H. Roberts's Parliament House, so named because the three-storey granite building is on the site of Prince Owain Glyndwr's parliament in the early 13th

century, is for sale. Thomas Matson Roberts, the present owner, has retained his grandfather and father's initials of H. above the door. He is an elegant, soft-spoken man who served a seven-year apprenticeship in ironmongery. Now 83, he is thinking about retirement. He presides over his "general and furnishing ironmongers" from a

HOUSE **Parliament House**

Dolgellau

ground-floor office that is framed in polished brown mahogany. with glass panels delicately etched with the patterns of wild flowers.

A colossal Victorian fireplace and overmantle mirror is laden with ironmongery reference books from the turn of the century. Below, in the slate-slabbed basement, is the powder store, where in the past T.H. kept enough explosive to transport the shop to the top of nearby Cader Idris.

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The stock also includes dozens of coloured and clear-glass chimneys for paraffin lamps, enamelled brown kettles, and buckets and churns of all shapes and sizes. In a corner stands one of the first Electrolux refrigerators. which was powered by paraffin oil.

Mr Roberts was born in the gentleman's residence next door to . the shop. The dressed stone house is an oustanding example of the "upstairs-downstairs"

The hallway, with its Minton-coloured mosaic tiles, leads first into the smoking-room, which like all the other rooms has a high, plaster-moulded ceiling. The deco-rative cast-iron "filt" fireplace. which could be angled to obtain a good draught, has a solid oak surround and mirrored top. There is, of course, a morning-room, adjoining a scullery and pantry. Below stairs, a massive black iron Eagle range cooked for and heated

the rest of the house. A polished pitch pine staircase leads up to another three floors that house the dining-room, and a sitting-room with a marble fireplace inset with tiles showing

scenes from Shakespeare plays.

The bathroom's huge cast-iron tub stands on four sculpted claw feet, and the separate WC has a high-level cistern in lead-lined mahogany connected by a polished brass flush pipe to the mahogany-seated throne.

There are five bedrooms, each with either a marble or slate fireplace, and an assortment of servanis' rooms. Dismantled and offered piece

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shower room, and Mr Wilson's

study, linked to the house by an

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Creating the pool, which the

view of the front gate.

Floating asset: Barney and Jane Wilson and their "dream pool" tion and the need for a back operation he has more recently been confined to a wheelchair. This has involved both large alterations - such as the stairs and the bathroom, which is extra large with a raised lavatory, a washbasin high enough to get the chair underneath and a special seat in the shower - and minor

Often it is the small things that make the most difference in terms of an easier life: lower light switches and higher wall sockets, for example. "On the Continent light switches are often set low and there is no reason they should not be in this country," Mr Wilson says. "Plugs could be 18in off the ground. But everyone gets used to things being the way they have always been.

The house, in two acres of garden, has the advantage of large rooms (including three bedrooms and a dressing room upstairs, drawing room, morning room and dining room downstairs, plus self-contained staff accommodation at the rear) and wide doorways.

"Obviously not all old houses would be suitable for a disabled person," Mr Wilson says, "but then you can get problems with modern houses, especially the small boxy types. They can be a nightmare.

Outside a converted stable block houses a 32ft by 14ft indoor

Wilsons make available to local people who need water physiotherapy, was the realisation of a dream. "It's the best exercise for me and it is what I always wanted," Mr Wilson says. The pool and the other conver-

sions in the house cost the Wilsons about £100,000 and took nine months to complete. "You have to be vigilant all the time." Mrs Wilson says. "For instance, we originally intended the pool to be loft wide, and then when work was well under way we discovered that width would make the surrounding area too narrow for Barney's wheelchair. There was a bit of screaming and yelling at that point, I can tell you."

The Wilsons acknowledge that they are lucky enough to have the know-how and the money to cir-cumvent or minimise many of the problems of disabled living. Even so. Mr Wilson says much can be done on more modest budgets with the right advice, and that government grants and other sources of financial help are available in many circumstances. "The trouble is that people are often unaware of what is available."

Sometimes he has invited people to his home to show what can be done. "We had a father and son here recently. The son had broken his neck in a diving accident 12 years ago. The father told me that they had learnt more in five minutes here than in all the years before." Mr Wilson says.

LIZ GILL



At Liberty to do as they please

Collier Campbell designs are back in business next week. Vinny Lee reports

ew shop ventures have been scarce during the recession. But next Thursday the influential textile design sisters Susan Collier and Sarah Campbell will open a shop within a shop at

Liberty in Regent Street.
They say that during the last two years they have learnt, from painful experience, some valuable re-

tailing lessons.

In 1989 the two designers fulfilled an ambition to open their own shop. "It was somewhere we could show all the colourways of our prints, not just the selection picked by other retailers." Ms Collier says. "We also wanted to demonstrate the versatility of the designs in a fashion and furnishing context.

Their shop did not survive, but its short life gave them vital retail knowledge. "Our designs are created by us, really painted by our hands. They combine innovative mixes of colours and subjects that do not comply with anyone else's codes," Ms Collier says. "And because the materials are different, and often in unusual shades, we found that people needed help in putting together a whole look. Supplying the chintz and cotton fabrics alone was not enough. The customer wanted wallpapers and borders, upholstery fabric and plain colours to mix with the designs. They demanded a full

The opening of their outlet at Liberty, whose design studios employed the sisters in the early days of their careers 30 years ago and, later, as consultants, shows that they have heeded customers'

Their new cotton chintz print collection, Gypsy Pavilion, is ac-companied by a co-ordinating range of three woven patterns suitable for upholstery. Wallpaper, borders and decorative pillows are being prepared for an autumn launch. There are also shower

curtains and towels and new designs in cotton bedlinens, because people want to carry a colour story through from their bedrooms to their bathrooms",

Ms Collier says.
Examples of Collier Campbell prices in cotton bedlinen are double fitted or flat sheet £27.95; standard pillowcase £8.95, Oxford £12.95; double duvet cover £59. For the bathroom a face cloth costs £2.95. a hand towel £9.95, bath towels £14.95 each.

Matching rag rugs and tradi-tional-style quilts featuring Collier Campbell prints complete the picture, and if a customer wants to wear co-ordinating nightwear there will be, at Liberty only, silk pyjamas, dressing gowns and coton kimonos.

To complement sitting, dining and bedroom decor there is stationery, party napkins and paper plates, photo albums and wrapping paper. Polycotton table linen comes with handpainted napkin

rings.
The sisters have also created capsule collections for the nationwide groups of John Lewis and the House of Fraser. In addition to the designs they already provide for the Jonelle label, the John Lewis Partnership has ordered a pure cotton range of bedlinen in the new design Gypsy Dance, due out in May. The print features what Ms Collier describes as "a Euroean celebration, based on ceramic bowls of cherries, vases of flowers, themes taken from rugs and carpets and decorative boxes

The House of Fraser will be stocking three specially coloured ranges of polycotton bedlinen in the autumn - Tambourine, a large floral print with freehanddrawn stripes on the reverse; Misty Lagoon, a densely patterned abstract; and Frontiers. a darker, more sultry theme.

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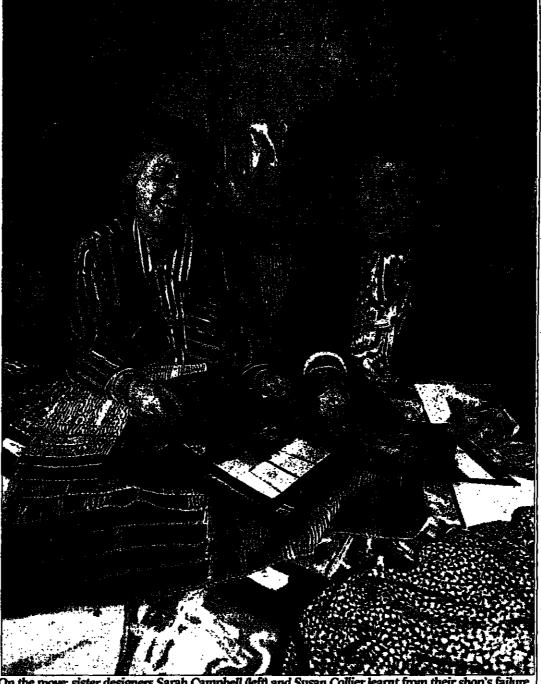
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On the move: sister designers Sarah Campbell (left) and Susan Collier learnt from their shop's failure

Wallpaper borders will follow. The upholstery company Out-line has taken Collier Campbell woven fabrics for its armchairs and sofas. Matching curtains are

in the pipeline.

Ms Collier feels that the recession has had its effect on the colour and content of the Gypsy Pavilion collection. "We thought it was time to be optimistic and joyful as a reaction against the gloom. The Tambourine floral print is in strong pink, yellow, green and gentian blue. This print in particular has had a great reception from buyers: they say it makes them feel

FOR SALE

ion accessory side to the sisters' business has been put on hold, although a small range of the popular ties, scarves and umbrellas can be found at Liberty. "We were doing too many different things and we really needed to concentrate our energies in one field, so the Collier Campbell At Home line is our priority," Ms Collier says.

The lessons the sisters learnt by losing their shop have been beneficial. Their business is leaner and meaner in terms of direction and commitment, and has focused on providing a complete range to their home-style customers.

In America, where the sisters do not spend much time their

homeware sales are more than \$30 million, second only in the market to the Ralph Lauren retail-

But Britain is still where their hearts are, and Ms Collier looks back to the day when the doors of their Conduit Street shop closed. We received a letter from Richard Stewart-Liberty saying how much he had liked our shop, how sad he was to see it close and that, in view of our long-standing relationship with his company, if we would like 'lodgings' up the road, he would be pleased to help.'

● Collier Campbell's shop within a shop, Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (071-734 1234).

RENTALS

Rolled gold out of Havana

Cuban cigars made before Castro came to power are as collectable as vintage claret

ipling wrote scathingly that a woman was only a woman, but a good cigar was a smoke. He may have been wrong on both counts. Today, a good cigar is not for burning but is a collectable rivalling some of the best of ageing clarets and

vintage ports.
If it is a pre-revolutionary Havana, hang on to it, because the United States embargo in 1962 virtually cut off supplies of vintage smokes. Like wine, premium cigars benefit from ageing, hence the demand for pre-1960s examples. Time lessens the harshness of the tobacco, like the mellowing of tannins in a power-ful young wine.

The most reliable indicator for

The most reliable indicator for collectors of pre-revolutionary cigars are the words "Made in Havana, Cuba" printed on the base of the box — as opposed to "Hecho in Cuba", introduced in the early 1960s. Unopened boxes that have been left to mature are the most cought after "Africo." the most sought after. "Aficionados are known to pay way over the odds for top vintage smokes." Simon Chase, of the Havana importers Hunters & Frankau,

"Pre-revolution cigars, in particular, have a magical aura in our market, because they are hard to come by. London is the best place to find them, because we lay down cigars. Cigar reserves are passed down through families, but people then forget them, or die, which is an awful headache for companies like Dunhill or Fox's, who can't always trace the

Such cigars, he says, are worth 30-50 per cent more than the

current retail price - or around £8 for a mid-sized corona, compared with £5 — and the value could rise a hundredfold within a

few years. Cohiba, Castro's most coveted cigar created for him by Che Guevara, is well worth conserving. Castro regularly sent them to the Prince of Wales, but as a nonsmoker he handed them over to Jimmy Savile. They are still hard to find; it took Hunters & Frankau a year to track down 1,000 Cohiba Robustos (around £9

each) for the actor Tom Cruise.

Observation of smoking dos observation of smoking dos and don'ts is essential. Keeping the label on is no longer the hallmark of a cad — indeed, in this age of label flashing it is perfectly acceptable. And while you drift off in a haze of Havana, that has consider the culture that has helped to create such smoking

history.
For centuries readers entertained Havana's cigar rollers with passages from literature's greats. hence such brand names as Romeo y Julieta and Monte Cristo. Today, however, the workers pre-ter to listen to Dame Barbara Cartland. Could this mean cigar buffs will one day "lay down" a full-bodied and flavoursome Love

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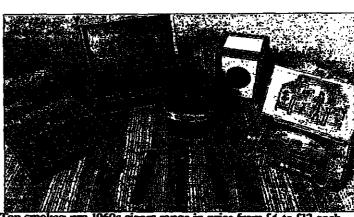
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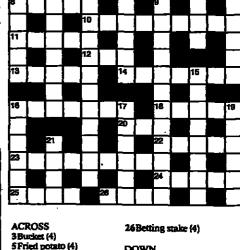
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as an irascible pensioner and his long-suffering wife. (Ceefax) (s)

A Filipino woman searches for her lost brother (10.25pm)

CHOICE: An extended edition of Everyman is devoted to a film

by David Willcock about the poor of the Philippines. Since the people of Davao City are not actually starving, their plight is unlikely to bit the world headlines. But half the city's population are squatters and they exist on or below a very conservatively defined

poverty line. The film is a tribute to their powers of survival, which are possibly helped by an almost fatalistic acceptance of their lot.

The Christian faith is shown as a strong part of their culture, though despite Everyman's religious brief little attempt is made to relate

this to their daily struggle. Willcock interweaves the stories of a woman turning her home into a piggery, another woman searching for a brother feared lost in a typhoon and two unemployed lads training the contestants for a cock fight. (Ceefax) (5376791) 11.15 Grand Prix. South African grand prix highlights (432994) 11.55 The Shadow. A Belfast hospital cleaner shadows a contemporary underso in Consentation.

working in Copenhagen (r). (Ceefax) (100488)

12.25am Dear John: USA. Lonety hearts comedy starring Judd Hirsch (1770821) 12.50 Mahabharat (r) (3954802) 1.30 Weather

9.40 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (448517)
9.55 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are: the Percy tamily 1377-1865, G.F. Handel, Charles Rermie Macintosh and vice-presidents

of the United States (771046)

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8.50 Playusy
9.10 News and weather (1/35)
11.00 News and weather (1/35)
9.30 This is the Day. With Maurice Kinkaid, a development officer of an inner city Belfast community organisation (44710)
10.00 See Heart For the hearing impaired (60333). Wales: Business Matters 10.30 Deutsch Direkti (1) (9751772) Wales: Work is a Four Letter Word 10.55 Advice Shop Extrat (3311449)
11.00 Business Matters. How companies must change to survive in the next century (1) (9333). Wales (to 12.30) See You Sunday 11.30
Work is a Four Letter Word communication skills (s) (6802)
12.10 Bazzaar presented by Nerys Hughes (1) (5617468) 12.25
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6.35 Open University: Maths - Newton's Law of Motion 7.00 Modern Art: Manet 7.25 Muscles -- A Question of Fuel Supply 7.50 Maarten Art: Manet 7.25 Muscles —A Question of Fuel Supply 7.50 Maarten Van Heemskerck; Humanism and Painting 8.15 The Ocean Floor 8.40 Technology: Bridging the Gap 8.05 Biology Form and Function 9.30 Language and Literature 9.55 Earthquakes: Seismelogy at Work 10.20 Lifestyles: Work and the Family 11.10 Open Advica 11.35 The Poverty Complex (8028159)

12.00 Sundary Grandstand with Rugby Special introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to afteration): 12.00 Motor Racing: the South African grand prix, live from Kyalami, the first Formula 1 race of the season; 2.00, 4.15 and 8.00 Athletics: the European Indoor championships from Genoa; 2.15 Bowls: the singles final of the Mediand bank world indoor championships, from the Guild Hall.

indoor crampionships from carda; 2.18 bows: the angles may of the Midland bank world indoor championships, from the Guild Hall, Preston: 5.00 Rugby Special: highlights of the Courage league game between Orrell and Leicester (78667710)

5.35 The Money Programme: Election Brief — Unemployment. Jamet Bush examines the prospects for jobs for the rest of the decade in the wake of a million lost since the recession began

7.15 The Natural World: The Monk, the Princess and the Forest

How a Buddhist monk and a Thai princess are working with villegers to referest a once-lush northern Thailand valley destroyed

villegers to reforest a once-lush northern Thailand valley destroyed by uncontrolled logging (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7581975)

8.05 Follow the Money. The second of four programmes examining the way British business operates. Christopher Hird reports on accountancy and with the help of magician Fay Presto shows how accountants can conjure profits out of thin air (37420)

9.05 Trying Times. Another withy tale of American Angst. Geena Davis and Pater Riegert star in the story of a husband who arrives home to find his wife and children missing and a beautiful stranger in attendance (589642) ettendance (689642)

9.30 Did You See . . ? presented by Jeremy Payman Writer Malcolm Bradbury, Cheries Kennedy, MP, and Helen O'Bnen, an Mi5 spy for 30 years, diacuss *Underbelly, Arena's* programme on Dean Reed and Old Boy Network (s) (33604)



Love eternal: Alan Rickman and Juliet Stevenson 10.00pm)

10.00 Screen Two: Truly, Madiy, Deeply (1991).

• CHOICE: The directing debut of writer Anthony Minghella, Truly,

Macily, Deeply comes to the small screen after winning prese and awards in the cineme. Much of the acclaim has rightly been directed at Juliet Stevenson for an extraordinary performance as a worman trying to come to terms with the death of her lover. Stevenson's ability to cover the emotions, at one moment sobbing uncontrollably with grief, at another radiating the joy of life, marks har as an exceptional actress and one with a periect command of her as an exceptional actress and one with a perfect command of the camera. Minghelia's deeply-textured script certainty helps. Its novelty is bringing back Stevenson's dead lover as a ghost, allowing a reprise and a reassessment of the relationship and giving Alan Rickman the chance to escape a run of screen villains. The result is sed, moving, funny and original. (Ceefax) (e) (992994) 11.40 Film: Macaroni (1985) staming Jack Lemmon and Marcello Mastrolanni, Deft Italian-made cornedy about a world-weary American businessman who arrives in Naples to discover he is the herr of a family be hard long since forcetted. Directed by Effice

hero of a family he had long since forgotten. Directed by Ettore

Scola (200710) 1.25am Rapido (r). (2053802). Ends at 2.00

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6.00 TV-am (3885371) 9.25 Dianey Club (3378791) 10.45 Link. Nawwat Kabbara, who in 1987 with 100 others, marched for peace through Lebanon, reflects on the four-day event. (Oracle) (6074130)

11.00 Morning Worship. A St David's Day service from St Calherine's Church, Gorseinon, west Glemorgan (99333) 12.00 Encounter: Seeds of Hope. With Dr Clement Chela, who is in charge of the Alds unit at the Salvation Army hospital in

Chikankata, Zambia (21371) 12.30 LWT News Weekend (5404623) 12.55 LWT Weather (60436791) 1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (71435130)

1.10 Special Inquiry: Taking Manx to Merket. Donald MacCormick investigates whether the prediction of an economic catastrophe for the former Soviet Union will prove correct (8707710)

2.15 Sharp's Funday. Pat Sharp introduce an episode from Batman and Merking relate them the Lighted Sharp's (2012713)

and Wastling action from the United States (5806913)

2.50 Dinosaurs. Puppet series (s) (4532555)

3.20 The March. Live coverage of the Rumbelows league cup semifinal second leg game at White Hart Lane between Tot

Hotspur and Nottinghern Forest (s) (85917371)
5.30 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game (62)
6.00 Hanneh Hauswell — Innocent Abroad. Gentle six-part series following the former Yorkshire Dales farmer as she takes her first trip overseas. This week she is in Austria, enjoying the sights and sounds of Vienna and Satzburg and indulging her love for music

(75) 6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (733081) 6.35 LWT News and weather (732352)

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6.40 Highway For St David's Day, Sir Harry Secombe visits Portmeinon, on the north-west coast of Wales. (Ceefax) (895913)

7.15 You've Been Framedt Home video disasters (338913)

7.45 The Darling Buds of May Lest in the hit rural drama series based on the characters created by H.E. Bates and starring David Jason, Pam Ferms and Catherine Zeta Jones (Oracle) (8) (195420)

8.45 Maigret. Poished detective sense from the novels by Georges Smenon, sterring Michael Gambon as the dogged Parisian policeman. (Oracle) (s) (484826)

9.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (465284) 10.00 LWT Weather

(778555)
10.05 Old Boy Network. Desponing accomm from Dick Clement and John Standard as former Ian La Frenais starring Tom Conti and John Standing as former adversaries who bury the hatchet and form an investigation



Tales from the life of the Master: Noël Coward (10.35pm)

10.35 The South Benk Show: Noë! Coward CHOICE: There seems no obvious excuse for a new profile of Noël Coward, except that interest in the subject seems as high as NOTE: NOTE: A STATE OF THE INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT SOURCE SOURCE STATE OF THE INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT TO A HUGE OUTDUT AND A RICH HIGH IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, director Christopher Hunt settles for straight chronology embellished with the usual film clips and interviews. To an extent, it is a scissors-and-paste job, making extensive use of existing Coward material, some of it taken from previous South Bank Shows. New elements include home movies and play extracts performed by actors. But the strength of the project lies in anecdote rather than analysis. Daniel Massey, Coward's godson, is perticularly good value and Sir John Milks reveals that contrary to the public image, the Mester's taste was for sausage and beans rather than caviare (590197)

11.35 Hooked! Last in the series on Britain's drug problem (190081) ster's taste was

1.05 process Cue the Music. The Cure in concert (s) (5798555)
1.05 Extreme East. A new youth culture and music series (2764181)
1.35 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (2087869)
2.35 Film: Twinky (1969) starring Charles Bronson and Susan George.

2.35 Plant I winkly (1999) staring Chanes Bronson and Susain George.
Tedious romantic cornedy about a middle-aged American writer
who falls for a precocious teenager and takes her from London to
live in New York. Directed by Richard Donner (569482)
4.20 Pick of the Week (r) (55266294) 4.50 Adventure (95032024)
5.00 Soap. Another comic episode from the chaotic lives of the Tate
and Campbell families (r) (13376)
5.30 ITN Morning News (68753). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

5,00 Trans World Sport (54962) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle .92420; 7.30
 Star Street (11555) 8.00 Chicken Minute :7702226; 8.25
 Ramons (7706913) 8.55 Little Rosey (3245791)

9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan Indian drama senal (5640729)
10.00 Dispatches A repeat of Wednesday's reporty on how the legitimate forces of law and order in nationalist areas of Belfact and Londonderly have been supplanted by paramatan, gangs of the IRA (6823255) 10.45 Dennis Animation (6072772)

11.00 D'Art. The third of an eight part series in which deal children using sign language explore the skills of the performing arts (f) (5371).

11.30 Flipper Series from the 1960s about the adventures of a delphin. (3772) 12.00 Little House on the Prairie. Classic drama series about famili. Me on the Kansas plans during the 1680s (r) (50271) 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Vintage underwater



Verdi from the Garden: Kiri Te Kanawa as Amelia (2.00pm)

2.00 Opera On 4: Simon Boccanegra, Fliab Moshinsky's new stage production of Verdi's opera with Alexandru Agache in the title role

production of vertices opera with Alexandria Agache in the face and Kim Te Kanawa as Amelia. Reported at the Reyal Opera House. The conductor is Sir Georg Solfi (\$1,207642).

4.30 Crime Does Not Payr. Forbidden Passage (b)(A). Series based on police files. A group of illegal immigrants pays to be smuggled into the United States only to meet an untimoty demose (f) (3826307).4.55 News and weather (8954994).

5.00 Scottish Eye. Duncan Campbell revestigates a Glasgow scientist and control of policy of the state of the control of the state of the sta

who gained publicity and funds after claiming he was on the verge of a breakthrough in Axis research (\$684). 5.30 Star Chamber

CHOICE Chins Pattern faces that an hour of computer questions

in another lively antidate to the phoney election compaign. Like Roy Hatterstey and Paddy Ashbown before film, the Conseniative party charman reveals a human side not always cuident in the political cut and thrust, although some may think he is a bit ony at confessing his indiscretions. Has he really never stoken the office stationery? Lee Remick, Popeye and an Estham emerge or favourite people, while Pattern's ideas of locury are notably owlised and unpretonable. One reservation about the series is that despite the computer's supposed randiumness, it tends to ack the same questions of all its victims. Porhaps, in these sensitive funes

the show is worned about political barance (s) (84)

6.00 The Press Gang. Award-winning children's drama series about a group of youngsters running the Junior Gazetto (r). (Teletext) (17)

6.30 The Wonder Years. Comedy drama series about growing up in 1060s. America (s) (7)

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7.00 Fregile Earth: The End of the Game. Poachers in Kemia have made the black thino virtually extinct, but in Japan there is a meeting to discuss the lifting of the ban on ivery trading. Teletext 8.00 Whicker's World - Down Under. The fifth of Alan Whicker's Six

part series features migrants who try to keep their Cld World way of life and eccentricity (r) (6888) 8.30 Childhood. The tirst of a new seven-part documentary tricing child development from birth to puberty across four centinents (s)

9.30 Burning Books Includes a discussion on the ethics of True Crime, a novel based on the trial of American serial killor Jeffrey Dahmer

a novel based on the trial of American serial Micr Jeffrey Dahmer Plus reviews of Vox by Nicholson Baker, Ward Swarts by Jong Chang and Maus II by Art Spergelman (26772)

10.00 Film: Up the Creek (1956, b/w) The Peter Sellers scason continues with this minor naval comedy about a fly Insh bosun and his manipulation of a bumbling captain (David Tomlinson) Directed by Val Guest (Teletext) (271913)

11.35 Film: Welcome to Germany (1968) Tony Curlis stars as an American film director who arrives in Germany to make a movice recalling an incident during the second world war An impressive study of guilt and redemption, directed by Thomas Brasch in German with some English subtitles (944517) Ends at 1.30

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SKY MOVIES+ e Vis the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 8.00am Showcese (81623) 8.00 Attack on the Iron Coast (1968): Second world war drama starring Lloyd Bridges (5968): Teenage love story (80536)

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(1985): Journalist Ryan 4.10 Fever Pitch (1985): Journalist Ryan C'Neat develops a gambling habit (180885). THE MOVIE CHANNEL

b Vis the Astre and Marcopolo satellites. 3.15am The Hurricane (1937, b/w): A tornedo threatens a tropical island. Starring and (1940, b/w): Western

8.15 Dank Connand (1940, b/w): Western starring John Wayne (956913)
10.15 A Chonus of Disapproval (1989): Widover Jeseny hose john Scarborough's terastur dearmatics group (945449)
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2.15 Island Sons (1987): Four Hawmian brothers search for their father (850062)
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Via the Astra satellite.

4.00pm Film: Love Happy (1948, b/w)
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1.30 Do the Right Thing (1989): Spike Lee's rectal drams (8003983')

3.35 Wired (1989): Blopic of comic John Betunit, Starring Michael Childs (190831). Ends at 5.25

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HTV WEST

HTV WALES

1.10 Your Concert Cholos: Two Cantigas de Santa Maria, from the Court of Alfonso the Wise, Boccherini (Symphony in Diminor, Op 12 No 4, La Casa del Diavolo); Liszt (Bénédiction de Dieu dans la solitude); Sibelius (Two Secretae On SR); Morart

solitude): Sibelius (Two Serenades, Op 69): Mozari (Missa solemnis, K 337) ; Chebenham Festival 1991: in the first of three programmes. Vanbrugh String Cuartet performs Beethoven (Quartet in F minor, Op 55): Simpson (Quartet No 14), Mozari

(Quartet No 14), Mozart (Clannet Quintet in A, K 581.

Joy Farrally
4.05 Poet of the Month Peter

4.05 Point of the Month Peter Porter talks to Kate Finil
4.25 Barshal Conducts Prokoflev (Symphony No 5: BBC Weish Symphony Orchestra) (r)
5.15 Opera News (r)
6.00 Praise for St David's Day, with words and music for the Weish Christian tradition
7.00 Northern Sinfonia under En

7.00 Northern Stational under En State performs Copland (Quiet City: Anthony Cross, fumpet, Colin Kellett, cor anglais); Haydin (Symphony No 22 in E flat, The Philosopher) (r) 7.30 Chelchov and After. The third in a series of four plays is a tribute to the late Gwen

Industrial tributes who plays
Madame Ranyevskaya in John
Tydeman's 1974 production of
Chekhov's The Cherry
Orchard, With Anna Massey

as Varya and Kenneth Haigh

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YORKSHIRE As HTV West except: 2.15pm-2.45 Captain Scott Awards '32 8.45-9.45 St Dawd's Day Concert 10.05 Neignet 11.05 Old Boy Network 11.35 The South Bank Show 12.35-As London except: 12.25pm Gcab on Sunday (5614371) 12.50-1.00 Calendar News (46711604) 2.15-3.20 Film Beg. Borrow or Steel (2926057) 5.30 Hannah

Hautovell – Innocent Abroad (62) 6.00-6.30 Subseys (75) 11.35 Soundawn (51:975) 12.35 Mathed. with Children (7500922) 1.05 Coach (2764181) 1.35 P.cs. of the Wook (7145840) 2.05 The IT. Chart Show (4500579) 3.05 Film. Johnny Apollot (851260) 4.45-5.30 Jobfeder (5230885)

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4.47 Golden Oldies: Les Woodland meets 83-year-old Tom

Setchell, who makes and settrale, who makes and repairs Romany-style caravans

5.00 Down Your Way Lesley
Abdela, founder of the 300
Group which campagns for 300 women MPs, fours

"suffragette" London
5.40 First Person George Hyde
balls about Me after therapy
(3) (r) 5.50 Shepping Forecast
5.55 Weather

5.55 Weather 6.00 News 6.15 Feedback (r) 6.30 Present Voices, Past Words

in the last of six programmes the writer P.D. James talks about her favourite novel.
Emma, by Jane Austen (s) (r)
7.00 Africa. Deadline for the Dark Continent. Michael Buerk,
reporter on the slight of the

reports on the pfight of the African people in the second of lour programmes he examines aftempts made by the West to intervene in the

countries such as Tanzania Bookshelf Sir John Harvey-Jones and Stuari Rock

discuss the vanety and value of business books; and Wendy Pernam talks about her novel.

Debate. The Royal National

Theatre plays host to artists, musicians, directors, actors and sponsors to debate the

proposition that: "Britain is

n the chair 9.00 The Natural History Programme (r) 9.30 Special Assignment (r) 9.59 Weether

Weather

10.08 Name

10.15 Exite A Nation Divided
Howard Heckle tells the story
of the "jublados", or retired
people, who remain in evile 50
years after they field Spain
driven the evil error the story

during the civil war in the 1930s (s) 11.00 in Committee, with Patro

taking to ensure the future of the arts." With Brian Redhead

economies of bankrunt

Bird Inside (s) (r) 8.00 Radio 4 Debetes: The Arts

RADIO 3

8.55am Weather 7.00 Morning Concert: Debussy (Danse sacrée et danse profane); Grace Williams Fantasia on Welsh Nursen

(Fantase on Welsh Nursery Turnes): Mailhas (Let the People Praise Thee, O God) 7.30 News 7.35 Meming Concert (cont): Marcello (Oboe Concerto in Dimenor): Liszt (Three Petrarch Sonnets): Topett (Suite for the Birthday of Prince Charles) 8.30 News

8.30 News 8.35 A Land with Music: Third of S A Land with attastic; Initro or eight programmes. Handel (Organ Concerto in B flat, Op 4 No 2: English Concert under Prinnock, with Simon Preston, organ). Thomas Arne (The Morning, Parley of Instruments under Goodman, with Emma Kirkby, soprano). Handel (Fugue in A minor: Ton Koonman, organ): Boyce (Tum

Koopman, organ); Boyce (Turn Thee unto Me Chor of New College Oxford under Higginbottom), John Stanley (Concerto in D. minor, Op 2 No. 4. Parley of instruments under

Goodman, Holman)
9.15 Julilland Custret plays
Beethoven (Quartet in B flat,
Op 18 No 6), Haydin (Quartet
in F minor, Op 20 No 5). Last in the senes 10.15 Music Weekly 11.00 From the Proms 1991:

Orchestre de Paris under Semyon Bychlov performs Beethoven (Pranc Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor: Philippe Bancom), Shotstalloweth (Symphony No 10), incl 11.40 12.50pm Replay

CHOICE In this 40-year-old

recording from the BBC sound archives, the man who introduced Lawrence to Araba, Sir Ronald Storra former governor of Jerusalem and Judes, dettly adds some brush strokes of his own to the multiple portrait others have painted of the chansmatic leader of the Arab revolf. In only 11 words, Storrs uniquely summed up Lawrence's desert war strategy and dramatic exit in a motor-cycle crash: "Speed and the sudden swoop — as in tite, so in death". As an epitaph on a tomb, it would have been impossible to best

nze (Nachtstücke und Arien; Violin Concerto No 1; Heliogabalus Imperator: BBC PO under Markus Stenz), inci 10.15 Interval Reading 5 Thomas Allen, bantone, with 10.55 Thomas Allen, bantone, with Geoffrey Parsons, piano, sings Haydin (She Never Told her Love, The Wanders: Saitor's Song); Schumann (Widmung:

as Lonechin

9.20 He

Dein Angesicht; Du bist wie eine Blume, Zwei Hochlanders Abschied): Wolf (Fussreise; Nun wandre Maria, Auf ein altes Bild Gebet; Der Musicant; Ob der Koren von Ewigkeit sei?: Trunken müssen wir alle sein!; So lang man nüchtem ist; Sie haben wegen der Trunkenheit; Was in der Schenke waren

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55em Shapping Forecast 6.00 News Brigning, and 6.03 Weather 6.10 Prehide (s) 6.30 Weather 6.10 Prehude (s) 6.30 Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 Cm Your Farm Sue Broom breaklasts with shepherd Gerald Beavis in a lambing hut 7.40 Sunday (s) 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Nick Ross speaks for the Week's Good Cause on behalf of the Abbeyfield Society.

of the Abbeylield Society, which provides care and companionship for elderly people who are no longer willing or able to live alone 8.55 Weather

9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter from America by

Alistar Cooke (r)

9.30 Morning Service: Worship for St Devrot's day from the Plough United Reformed Church in Brecon 10.15 The Archers: Omnibus

edition 11.15 News Stand, with Louise Levene (s) 11,30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serie (s) (r) 12.15pm Desert Island Discs; Sue

Lawley's castaway is the geneticist Dr Steve Jones (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke 2.00 Gardeners' Quastion Time:

A postbag edition, with Clay Jones and experts 2.30 Sunday Playhouse A Scourge of Hyacinths. In this play by Wole Soynika, 1986 winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, the sinister Brigade Adamst Discipline are active

Aganst Discipline are active somewhere near Lagos. Miguel Domingo, who comes from an influential family, has been falsely arrested. Wall he escape his fate? (s) (r)

3.30 The Radio Programme:
Laurie Taylor presents a report from the United States on the search by Nasa for ratio. search by Nasa for radio

messages from outer space

4.00 Analysis. Sticks and Stones. Peter Hennessy chairs a discussion on the politics of

11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Celtic

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Way - Poets and Prigrims. On
the final leg of his journey, lan
Brackey explores Celtic
Chisbanity in Wales (6)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
World Service (LW only)

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BBC 1

- 6.35 Open University: Chemistry What Makes a Reaction Go? 7.00 Isomorphism (7386891) 7.25 News and weather (8019558)
 7.30 Crystal Tippe and Allstair (r) (1379184) 7.35 Wiz Beng. Fun and laughter interlude (3258271) 7.45 The Jetsons (r) (2387146)
 8.05 Eggs "n" Baker. Cheryl Baker goes to Billingsgate fish market and visits an unusual fish and chip shop. Music is provided by Fresh
- and Tears For Fears (e) (8200271) 8.35 Thundercats. Cartoon (r)
- (883726)

 9.00 Going Live! presented by Phillip Schofield and Sarah Greene.
 Taking part in the "Double Dare" are Top of the Pops presenter
 Mark Franklin and actress Liza Walker from Teenage Health Freak
 (s) (46201766) 12.12 Weather (8281233)

 12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Football: a review of the FA Cup fifth round
- replays; 12.35 and 4.00 Athletics: action from the Nairobi cross-country and the European Indoor championships in Genoa; 1.00 News: 1.05 Motor Racing: news of the final practice for reews; 1.05 Motor reacing: news or the final practice for tomorrow's South African grand prix at the Kyalami circuit; 1.25 Racing from Haydock Park and Newbury: the 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00 from Newbury and the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 from Newbury; 3.05 Bowls: the pairs final of the Midland Bank world indor champlonships from Preston; 3.50 Football half-times; 4.35 Final Score (88877558) Final Score (88677558)
- 5.05 News and weather (7231287)
- 5.15 Regional News and sport (3339287)
 5.20 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson with the first of two programmes devoted to Popeye cartoons (2687417)

 5.45 Big Break. Snooker quiz presented by Jim Davidson. This week the guests are Cliff Thorburn, Warren King and Jimmy White.
- ex) (s) (470349) Noel's House Party. Resistible fun and games hosted by Noel Edimonds. Among the guests is comedian Tom O'Connor (s) 6.15 Noel's Hou
- 7.05 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The guests are Gina Althoff from Germany and Britain's Ali Bongo. (Ceefax) (s) (15634542)
 7.50 Columbo: Most Dangerous Match. The dishevelled detective investigates the murder of a former world chess champion who died after playing the current number one. Starring Peter Falk and Laurence Harvey (r). (Ceetax) (281078)
- 9.00 Moon and Son: Past, Present and Future. Variable astrological thriller series from Bargerac creator Robert Banks Stewart starring Milicent Martin and John Michie. This week Gladys and her son Trevor come to the aid of the servants of a stately home who believe their late employer made provision for them but cannot find the will. (Ceefax) (s) (742788)
- 9.55 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (235981)
 10.15 That's Life! Lighthearted consumer affairs series presented by



Stars in their eyes: Laure Killing and John Michie (9.00pm)

- Esther Rantzen. (Ceefax) (s) (296368) 10.55 Midnight Caller. The conclusion of the two-part story begun last week when chat show host Jack Killian (Gary Cole) became caught between riching convicts and the prison authorities. Now the only hostage, he faces the wrath of a murderer he put behind bars (Ceefax) (s) (814813)

 11.45 Film; in the Heat of the Night (1967).
 - 5 Films in the Heat of the Night (1967).
 CHOICE: This story of two policemen, black and white, reluctantly joining forces on a homicide in the American deep south has spawned two cinema sequels, as well as a television series, but none has surpassed the original. The whodunit is one of the weaker elements. Nor is the racial aspect as boldly or as penetratingly explored as the film's reputation might suggest. Essentially in the Heat of the Night is well-crafted entertainment, sustained by a crisp script (Stirling Silliphant), firm direction (Norman Jewison), lots of small-town atmosphere and two fine performances. Too often in films Sidney Politer has played the white man's favourite black and Rod Steiger has caricatured the Method. Here Politier effaces his charm and Steiger rains in his Method. Here Poiltier effaces his charm and Steiger reins in his mannerisms and neither star has been more effective. (Ceefax) (523287) 1.30 Weather (7830888)

BBC 2

- 6.40 Open-University (68368) 3.00 Mehabherat, Epic Indian drama serial in Hindi with English subtities (3185). Wales (to 5.00): Weish Labour Party Conterence 3.40 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore takes viewers on a guided tour of the night sky through binoculars, including Orion, star clusters and
- Jupiter (r) (6676691)
 4.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (639). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers
- 4.30 Bowls. The pairs final of the Midland Bank world indoor
- championships from the Guild Hall; Preston (s) (12717097) 6.10 Late Again. Fightights from the week's arts and media magazine The Late Show (865964)
- 6.55 Names with Chris Lowe. Sport and weather (901271) 7.10 Standing Room Only: In Africa presented by Simon O'Brien and John Fasharu. A one-off documentary from the football fanzine show about soccer in Africa, using the African Nations cup as a backdrop. With contributions from Sciomon Morewa of the South Africa FA, Abedi Pele, the African Footballer of the Year, Yeo
- Martial, coach of the new African champions lvory Coast, and Bobby Charlton (634813) 8.10 Fine Cut: Lessons of Darkness.
- CHOICE: Made by the German cinema director Werner Herzog. Lessons of Darkness is a documentary about the aftermath of the war in Kuwait which eschews most documentary conventions Commentery (by Herzog himself) is kept to a minimum. There are no interviews, unless you include the grunts of a woman who lost her speech after watching her sons being fortured to death. Music, by Greig, Mahier, Wagner and others replaces natural sound.

 Above all the images, brilliantly ceptured by the British cameramen

 Paul Berriff, are not a formal record but an imaginative impression.

 Apart from the dazzling yellow of burning oil wells, the colours are sombre greys, browns and blacks. Vast penorames punctuated only by bomb craters or smashed vehicles, leok more like science
- fiction that real locations. Humans are dwarfed by landscape but this is still an essay on the folly of human destruction (256610)

 9.00 Film: Wise Gays (1985) starting Danny DeVito, Joe Piscopo and Harvey Keitel. This first of a season of "mobster" movies is a



Veteran virtuoso of the electric guitar: B.B. King (10.30pm)

comedy about organised crime in New York with DeVito and Piscopo as two bumbling Laurel and Hardy types trying to milk their sadistic boss of a stash of money in a gambling scheme.

Directed by Brian De Palma, it tailed to gain a cinema release (Ceefax) (2813). Wales: Un Nos Ola Leuad

- 10.30 Guitar Legends: Through the Electric Age.

 © CHOICE: A celebration of the electric guitar begins and ends with a nod to Spenish flamenco but this is essentially an American story, with British interludes. Interviewing a dozen key names, from B.B. King to Robert Cray and the 76-year-old Les Paul, and the second to the second loss and fall. working in the contributions of blues, soul, jazz and folk, Peter Lydon's documentary comes close to being a potted history of popular music over the past 40 years. Lydon gives special emphasis to the mould-breaking contributions of Charlie Christian from the Benny Goodman band and Jimmy Hendrix, while crossing the Atlantic to take in the Beatles, Led Zeppelin and Eric Clapton
- Sut the film is more than a list of names and it forms an ideal trailer to the series of guitar concerts which begins at 11.30 (s) (39639) 11.30 Blues and Soul Night. The first of five concerts from the Seville Expo '92. Includes performances by Albert Collins, Robert Cray, B.B. King, Bo Diddley, Steve Cropper and, starting the concert, Dave Edmunds playing "Sebre Dance" (893556). Ends at 1.05eta

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- **6.00 TV-am** (9947981) 9.25 Motormouth. Young people's entertainment presented by Neil Buchanan, Andy Crane, Steve Johnson and Gaby Roslin. Includes the results of the Lloyds Bank Fashion Challenge, a look at hearing. dogs for the deaf, stunt cycling and music from Airhead (77493078)
- 11.30 Zorro. The first of a new series of swashbuckling adventures set in Spanish-owned California in the 1820s. Starring Duncan Regehr
- and Efrem Zimbelist Jr (6875) 12.00 The ITV Chart Show. The Video Vault features Luther Vandross
- with "Give Me the Reason" (51610)

 1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (53111146) 1.05 LWT News and weather (53110417) 1.10 Saint & Greavale, ian and Jimmy preview the Rumbelow Cup
- semi-final second legs and review highlights of the week's Barclays league action (3744558) 1.55 Snooker. The opening session of the best-of-19 frames final of the Pearl Assurance British open, introduced by Nick Owen from the
- Assembly Rooms, Derby (55006078) 4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby (4812184) 5.00 News with Sue Carpenter, Weather (3238504) 5.05 LWT News and weather (7153455)
- 5.15 10 Sharp! Pat Sharp is joined by singers Zoe and Rozalia and magician Dave Williamson (7159639)
- 5.25 Baywatch. The bronzed Los Angeles County lifeguards kick sand in the face of another villain and rescue the mandatory bikini-clad beauty, Starring David Hassethoff. (Ceefax) (s) (7250271)
- 6.20 Family Fortunes. The first of a new series of the game show hosted by Les Dennis (s) (104146)
 6.50 Stare in Their Eyes. Another five pop fans try to enulate their look-elike heroes. Presented by Lesie Crowther. (Oracle) (729504) 7.20 The Brian Conley Show. The comedian is joined by Linda Lusardi
- who tries to make the host into a catwelk star (s) (149504) 7.50 Murder She Wrote: If the Shee Fits. Crime writer J Hetcher does some more sleuthing when a poorly paid factory worker, struggling to bring up her son, becomes the prime suspect when her obnoxious landlord is murdered. Starring Angela Lansbury and, in this episode, Lorna Luft, daughter of Judy Garland. (Oracle) (s) (512252) 8.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (868349) 9.00 LWT Weather
- (883542)
 9.05 The Other Side of Paradise. Episode two of the four-part romantic drame, based on the novel by Noel Barber, starring Jason Connery as an English doctor on a South Sea Island during the second world war. With Richard Wilson and Hywel Bennett.



A lesson în catwalk modelling: comedian Brian Conley (7.20pm)

- (Oracle) (s) (740320) 10.05 Aspel & Company. Michael Aspel is joined by song and dance man Tommy Steele, actress Shirley Anne Field and comedian Paul
- 16.50 Smooker. The closing session of the best-of-19 frames final of the Pearl Assurance British open, introduced by Nick Owen (22950417)
 12.35em Tour of Duty. American drama series about a group of rev
- 12.35em Tour of Duty. American drama series about a group or raw army recruits on active service during the Vietnam war (7460082)
 1.40 Passengers. A celebrity tour of the sights of Rome (7184739)
 2.10 WCW Pro Wrestling. More grunt, grapple and groan from the United States (4542555)
 3.10 Bhangra Beat. Asian music and dance series (37963284)
 3.40 American College Footbell. Texas v Texas A and M (4601352)
 4.40 The Hit Men and Her. Disco sounds, news and fashions. With Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan (4855913)
 5.30 TTN Norming News with Tim Neilson (89246), Ende at 6.00

- **CHANNEL 4**
- 6.00 Pole Position. Animation (8094875) 6.25 Dr Snuggles. Carto adventures of an eccentric inventor (5228839) 6.55 Once Upor Time . . . Space (8873504) 7.25 The Complete Sider. Advice skiers of all abilities (7356875) 7.55 Trans World Sport
- International sporting news (1685097)
 9.00 News summary (6230097) 9.15 Racing: The Morning Li (1038233) 9.30 Listening Eye. Magazine series for the heari impaired (r) (49829)
- 19.00 The Big 8. More from the wheelcheir basketball tournament Sheffield (r). (Teletext) (s) (94900) 10.30 Film: Berlin Correspondent (1942, b/w) starring Dana Andrev
- Enjoyably daft second world war metodrama about an Americ radio journalist in Berlin who becomes involved the griffriend o Gestapo officer. Directed by Eugene Forde (8852417)
- 11.45 Rickshew Man. A Belgian short about a young man who rais money by offering a rickshaw taxi sarvice (r) (4614894)
 12.00 Get Smart. Spoof secret service series (29894)
 12.30 The Beverty Hillpilises. Cornedy about an oil rich mountain farr
- who move to opulent Beverly Hills (47417)

 1.00 Film: Menhatten Melodrama (7934, b/w) starring Clark Gat.
 William Powell, Leo Carrillo and Myrna Loy. Solid drama on the w worn theme of childhood friends who go their separate ways wh they grow up, in this case becoming gangster, lawyer and prie Directed by W.S. Van Dyke (73947639)
- 2.40 Film: Mogambo (1953) starring Clark Gable, Ava Gardner a Grace Kelly. Easy-going romantic triangle drama set in east Air and involving a stranded showgirl, her hunter boyfriend and married American woman. Directed by John Ford (47233962)
- 4.40 Joe McDoskes in So You Want to Be a Salesman (b/w) (28032.
 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (445542)
 6.30 Right to Repty. Are presenters overpaid and underworks (Teletext) (s) (435)
 7.00 A Week in Politics with Vincent Hanna and Julia Langd Includes an interview with Paddy Ashdown (3271)
 8.00 to 11.45 TV Heaven. Frank Mair Introduces another evening vintage entertainment this week from the year 1095 (52238)
- vintage enterlainment, this week from the year 1965 (522368) 8.05 The Saint (b/w) starring Roger Moore as Simon Templar, the character created by Leslie Charteris in 1928. He is joined in t episode by Nyree Dawn Porter as he investigates a case blackmeil (4682610)
- \$.30 The Woody Allen Show (b/w). Before he began his career in file



African romance: Ava Gardner and Clark Gable (2.40p) Woody Allen was a stand-up comedian with a rambling style. T. Granada programme shows him performing classics from his a (Teletext) (567233)

- 10.10 The Human Jungle (b/w).

 CHOICE: Now here is an attention grabber. A young women seen descending an escalator in the London Tube. She collaps recovers, proceeds to strip and is only just prevented in throwing her reked body under a train. And all before the openi title. Of further interest from a post-Dynasty perspective is that t compulsive stripper is played by Joan Collins, recognisable mu from her voice that her short, straight hair and prominent tee The Human Jungle was a 1960s ITV drama featuring Herbert L as a psychiatrist who inevitably solved the trickiest cases. T curious thing about tonight's story, unraveiling the social shame
- curious triing about tonight's story, tursivesling the social steme a respectable lower middle class family, is that it should have be made in the middle of the swinging Stidies. In an allege permissive society, Victorian morality still had its hold (847981)
 11.10 Tempo: A Talle of Two Talents (b/w). An edition of the arts ser when contrasts the ballerina Lynn Seymour and the young p singer Tom Jones (846707)

 11.45 Court TV: America on Trial. A single mother living on the dole accused of causing the death of her young son by giving helpful et a pasty (s) (825823)
- accused or causing the openin or her young son by giving alcohol at a party (s) (525523)

 12.45am Film: Castle on the Hudson (1940, b/w) starring John Garfi and Ann Sheridan. Standard prison melodrama about a gangs who takes the blame when his girmend kills a crooked lawy
- Directed by Anatole Litvak (3789333)
 2.10 The Word (1) (s) (4540197), Ends at 3.05

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1.30am A Cop for the Killing (1990): A member of an elite drug-fighting squad fe murdered (\$503913)

3.05 The Cobra (1989): Martial arts chama sharring Bruce Lee (\$087333)

4.30 Once Bitten (1985): Horror epool starring Lauren Hutton (89710). Ende at 8.00

e Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am The Neixed Prey (1986): A hunter is pursued by an African tribe (90894) 8.15 Mext Me in St Louis (1944): Musical

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

SKY SPORTS_ Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics (65436) 7,00 Gillette World
Sports Special (95166) 7.30 Boots and All —

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• Via the Astra setellia.
8.00am Formula 1 Motor Racing Grand Prix from South Altrice (81977) 9.00 Saturday Alive: Stding World Cup (\$1233); (11.00) Formula One Grand Prix (\$5780); (12.00) Stding World Cup (7718184); (12.40pm) Speed Sauting (1788707); (14.00) Indoor Athletice (1146910); (2.30) Cycling: Het Volk Pace (398504); (5.30) Formula One Grand Prix; Termis ATP Tour (10078) 7.00 Instanctional Motorsport (83417) 8.00 World Cup Stding Highlights; (72165) 9.00 Boxing (89829) 10.00 Formula One Grand Prix (52788) 11.00 Formula One Grand Prix (52788) 11.00 Termis ATP Tour (9981)

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Ronnie Hilton: Sounda of the 1950a 3.00 Steve Race 4.00 Bob Sintield. Songe for Swinging Children (3 of 6) 5.00 The Movie Hour. Cinema 2, and at 5.30 Music By ... John Barry (7) 6.00 Things Are Swinging? 7.00 On the Air (7 7.30 in Passer of St Devid: Live from the Hippodrome, Goldens Green, London. Words and music or entopation of St Devid? day, with the BBC Concert Orchestra under Owain Arwell Hughes 9.30 Easy Does it 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programms: The First Decade. A calabration of the Babbican's tenth arrivessary 12.05am Frankie Lake (f) 12.35 Andrew Lane with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Utile Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weether News 4.45 Name and Press Review in German 5.00 Serman Features 5.24 News in German 5.00 Serman Fostures 5.24 News in German 5.00 Serman 5.00 News About Britain 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Lendres Matin 6.59 Weether 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 People and Postics 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Fath 8.15 A Joly Good Show 9.00 News 9.05 Werd Business Report 9.15 Weether 9.30 Personal View 9.45 Sports Reundup 10.01 Jazz Now and Then 10.15 Letter from America 10.30 Wesseguide 10.40 Book Choice 10.45 From the Weether 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Londres Midt 11.45 Mittagemagetin 11.55 Weether 12.05 News 11.30 Londres Midt 11.45 Mittagemagetin 11.50 Weether 12.00 News 12.05 Personal View 2.30 Sportsworld 3.00 News 1.5 Sportsworld (cont) 4.00 News 4.00 News shout Bettain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel News 6.01 Sportsworld in results 5.30 Londres Soft 6.14 BBC English 8.30 Heads Alm all 7 DT Comman 4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel News 6.01 Sportsworld in results 5.30 Londres Soft 6.14 BBC English 8.30 Heads Alm all 7 DT Comman 4.40 German Section 8.30 Heads Alm all 7 DT Comman 4.40 German Features 4.50 Tavel News 6.01 Sportsworld in results 5.30 Londres Soft 6.14 BBC English 8.30 Heads Alm all 7 DT Comman 4.40 German Features 4.50 Tavel News 6.01 Sportsworld in Results 5.30 Londres Soft 6.14 BBC English 8.30 Heads Alm all 7 DT Comman 4.50 Results 5.30 Londres Soft 6.14 BBC English 8.30 Heads Alm all 7 DT Comman 4.50 Results 5.30 Londres Soft 6.14 BBC English 8.30 Heads Alm all 7 DT Comman 4.50 Results 5.30 Londres Soft 6.14 BBC English 8.30 Heads Alm all 7 DT Comman 4.50 Results 6.50 Result German 4.40 German Features 4.59 Travel News 5.01 Spottswork: Anal results 5.30 Londres Solr 6.14 BBC English 6.50 Houler Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00

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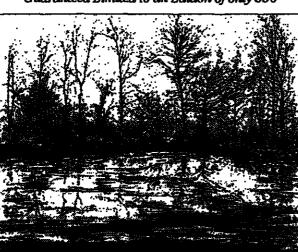
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

starring Judy Garland (186568) 10.15 Klastn' Cousins (1964): Elvis Presiey vehicle (452374) 12.15pm Twister (1999); Ottbeet drama set in Kenses (362436)

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10.00 Comic Strip Live (19610)

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RADIO 2

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RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm.

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Cup match against Pakastan, Rugby Union 5.00 Sports Report 6.06 Str-O-Siz 7.30 Le Top

9.00 Afropop Worldwide 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10,15 On the Level, Incl 11.00 Sport 11.30
7.30pm World Cup Cricket England v Pakistam in Adelaude, Australia v India in Brabane

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RADIO 3 6.55am Weather, News Headines 7.00 Morning Concert Rossini (Overture, William Tell; Philharmonia under Muti);

Handel (Organ Concerto in F, HWV 295: Simon Preston; English Concert under Trevor Pinnock) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Britten (Matinées musicales:
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Orchestra under Richard Orchestra under Heierd Bonynge); Mahler (Piano Quartet Movement in A minor: Quatuor Makol); Respighi (Rossiniana: Suisse Romande Orchestra under Ernest

8.30 News 8.35 Matisse Piano Quartet plays Schubert (Adagio and Rondo in F. D 487), Mendelssohn (Piano Quartet in B minor, Op

3) (r) 9.30 Saturday Review, with Richard Osborne. Record Review — Building a Library: Richard Osborne with a 200th anniversary survey of Rossini on record; and Michael Jameson's new releases reveal the hidden talents of Georges Enescu. 10.40
Record Release: Enescu (Romanian Rhapsody No 2: Royal Scottish Orchestra under Jarvi); Telemann (Paris Quartet in A. 1730, No 3: Trio Sonnene, with Wilbert Hazelzet, flute); Songs by leverbeer and Ros Thomas Hampson, baritons, Geoffrey Parsons, piano; Enescu (Violin Sonata No 2: Adelma Opresn, violin, Justin Opresn, piano), Neeme Järvi take about his 100th Chandos

record. Ives (Symphony No 1: Detroit Symphony Orchestra under Jarvi) 12.55pm Words: Naomi Lightmen with a final reflection 1.00 News 1.05 Vogier String Quartet plays Wolf (Italian Serenade);

Webern (Five Moveme 5); Brahms (Quartet in B flat, Op 67) (r) 2.10 Rafael Kubelik: Recordings made by the conductor in Munich with the Bevarian Radio Symphony Orchestra. Smetana (Vysehrad, Ma viast); Mahler (Lieder eines

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Dvorák (Symphonic poem, The Noonday Witch); Martinu (Fantasia Concertante, Plano Concerto No 5: Margnt Weber); Janáček (Glagolitic Mass: Soloists; Bavanan Rad Chorus; Bedrich Janáček,

organ) Rossin's 200th Birthday: 4.06 Hossett's Zuven serususy: Celebrated by Cecilia Bertol, mezzo, with Cherles Spencer, planc, who perform the cantate, Governe d'Arco 4.30 Jazz Record Requests, with

4.30 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith 5.15 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook. Michelene Wandor and Richard Mayne review the film The Double Life of Véronique; the fourpert Recio 4 dramatisation of Thomas Mann's povel; Buddenbrooks; Jiri Weil's Mendelssohn is on the Roof; and Erich Hack's Farewell Sidona

Sidonia 6.00 Live from the Met: The ... Barber of Seville

CHOICE: The bad news for anyone whose radio cannot pick up FM — drivers are likely to be the hardest-hit — is that you will be denied the chance to enjoy this direct transmission of Rossini's transmission of Rossini's evergreen opera from New York because, as from early this morning; MW on Radio 3 is a thing of the past. But enough of obsequies. Tonight's Figero is Thomas Hampson, Frederica von Stade is Rosina, and Raif Weikert conducts. Make a note: the Mel's Marriage of

Figure is on March 21 Howarth's Monologues: John of Patmos. Godfrey Kenton 9.05 H reads the last of three poetic monologues by Patrick Howarth

9.15 Early Brahms and Late
Beethoven: The pienist
Bernard Roberts plays Brahms
(Veristions on a Theme of
Schamann, Op 9); Beethoven
(Sonata in C minor, Op 111)

10.05 Tuning Up: An evening rag
from the north index classical

traction. With Virum Jaseni. star, Sanjay Jhalla, table, and Gitanjali, tambura 11.05 BBC Scottlah SO under Owain Arwel Hughes performs
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RADIO 4

4.00 Age to Age: Barry Cunliffe take to Apy Foster, professor in this History at Oxford University, about the chang face of the Irish Republican Ary I and Brian Geer at prines the social impact to stephons
4.30 Service Now, with Akun Briss News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 The Farming Week reports from the annual

European Agricultural Outlook conference in London 8.50 Prayer for the Day 7.00 Today, Incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 8.55; 7.55 Weather 7,20 Listeners Letters 7.25, 8.25 5.00 Costing the Earth: The first a series of eight programme exploring the environment 5.25 Fourth Column: Sman Hoggart and friends take a saturcal look at life 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 News and Sports Round-16.25 Week Ending (a) (f) 6.50 Stop the Week, with Robe Robinson (s) Sports News 7.45 Thought to SLATIS NEWS 7.45 Thought to the Day 8.58 Weather 9.05 News 9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan 9.30 Breatonway: Ken Bruce with 9.30 Breakeway: Ken Bruce with travel and holiday news 10.00 Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin

11.00 From Our Own 5.50 stop the Week, with Robe Robinson (s) 7.20 Kaleidoscope: Whose Bot Is it Amywey? Paul Allen tai to the American comic Nik McShane, well known for h Improvisations in Whose Li Is It Anywey? His latest rol in the Nottingham Playhou-production of The Packet Dream, Inspired by A Midsummer Winth's Desem Correspondent 12,00 Money Box, with Louise 12.25pm The News Quiz: Chairman

Barry Took quizzes.team captains Richard Ingrams and Alan Coren and guests (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in London by Simon Jenkins, editor of The Times, and MPs Charles Kennedy, Joan Ruddock end Norman Tebbit (r)

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2.00 Any Answers? 071-580 4411.

Ring Jonathan Dimbleby with your views on the issues raised in Any Questions? (lines open from 12:30pm)
2,30 Saturday Playhouse:
Something Like a Miracle
CHOICE: Gerry Hodgan has done wonders with his first radio play, giving a human face to the highly complex political and municipal issues involved in a 1921 cause

Michigan that brought Lloyd George's coelition government into conflict with militant Labour councillors in the east London borough of Poplar. Put simply, the battle was over rates reform. It resulted in all the councillors, lad by George Lansbury, later leader of the Labour party, being dragged off to jail. In the interests of drama, Hucham has over-simplified the issues, but he

residence by North Pennir Arts (s) 10.45 Travels and Mrs T: David Bean continues to follow in footsteps of Mrs Frances Trollopa, and visits the battlefields of Waterloo (3 Richard Better Compare Notes with musicien Done Swenn (e) (r) 11.30 The Nick Revell Shoe: /

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7.50 Classic Seriel: Buddenbro — The Decline of a Family.

Third of a six-part
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Mann's novel (a)

6.50 On the Ropes: in the third

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10.15 Stop Me and Tell One:

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Martyn Waey reports on a in the life of Taffy Thomas

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12.00-12.43em News, incl 12.2 Weather 12.33 Shippings World Service (LW org whets our appetite for the full facts of the case (s) FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FN-87-8-9 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 1986-tz/1515mFN/Radio 5: 9986-tz/433m; 9098-tz/330m. LBC: 11526-tz/281m; FM 97 15486-tz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 14586-tz/200m; FM 94.9; World S. Radio 4: 1989-tz/300m; FM 94.9; World S. Radio 5: 1989

